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Woman is found dead

The Hana Health Massage in Susupe has been closed off with police tape by the Department of Public Safety following the death of a woman inside the establishment.

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A woman who has yet to be identified was found dead at the Hana Health Massage in Susupe yesterday, believed to be a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning from a running power generator.

The woman, classified as a Jane Doe by the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, was found lifeless at the Hana Health Massage at around 11am.

Hana Health Massage is located across the Truong's Restaurant and the Saipan World Resort.

The Department of Public Safety

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Zero business for rental cars

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The Chevrolet Camaros and Mustang convertibles that were so ubiquitous on Saipan highways are now missing in action after Super Typhoon Yutu.

These convertible cars—with their garishly pink and fluorescent colors—can now only be seen parked and serving as displays after tourist arrivals thinned out in the wake of the Category 5 howler that devastated the

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The once robust rental car business in the CNMI is at a complete standstill as the influx of tourists is on a halt as the CNMI continues to recover from the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu.

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Yutu flattened over 500 homes

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The giant monster that was Super Typhoon Yutu was so wide that, at one point, it completely enclosed the Marianas archipelago, pounding the CNMI for over eight hours with maximum sustained winds of over 180 mph and completely destroying over 500 homes, leaving over 1,000 individuals homeless.

Three days later, last Sunday, in an aerial damage assessment by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and CNMI leaders, it was determined that a total of 545 homes across the Marianas have been completely destroyed. A total of 468

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CEC ready for new poll dates

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» CEC executive director says Tinian will be a problem

The Commonwealth Election Commission is prepared for the new dates for early voting and general election that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres set due to Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation on Saipan and Tinian, according to CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez yesterday.

Villagomez said they are prepared

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Local

Flying debris cause of most car damage

A week after Super Typhoon Yutu's massive destruction on Saipan, tin roofs or galvanized iron sheets are still littering the streets and dangling on trees, power poles, and power lines.

Those flying iron sheets and other heavy debris are being blamed for the shattered windshields and windows of many vehicles at the height of the typhoon. Galvanized iron sheets are house roofs or walls and have attached nails and lumbers or wooden planks.

District Court security officer Alex Sablan's parked Toyota Tacoma that he purchased only last year had a big dent on the right passenger side body. The truck's window glass on the right side were shattered.

Sablan knew that a huge roof tin was the culprit as it was still over his truck after Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation last Thursday morning.

Sablan learned that the tin roof of his neighbor's house, located a few feet from his home, was ripped apart and blown toward his truck that he had parked outside his house in Koblerville.

At the height of Yutu's fury, Sablan and his wife, his mother-in-law, and their two children were all in the living room.

A strong wind then hit the window of the house and opened the shutter between 1:30am to 2am. This prompted them to move to their kitchen.

"I was scared," he said.

Roberto, who asked that he be identified by his first name only, found his white Toyota Camry with a shattered left side window and back.

Two neighbors had to help Roberto in removing the iron sheet that broke the rear side glass and got stuck inside. The iron sheet had a piece of wood and nails in it.

Roberto said he could not tell where the iron sheet came as the car was parked in the apartment's parking lot. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Hopwood in shambles; closed indefinitely

Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School in Chalan Piao sustained massive damage after Super Typhoon Yutu, causing the school to close indefinitely as alternatives for the academic year have yet to be discussed.

Based on a quick visual assessment, the school sustained major damage to all of its buildings, which number about 10.

Principal Dr. Rizalina Liwag noted that Yutu damaged every room. There are about 70 total rooms in the campus.

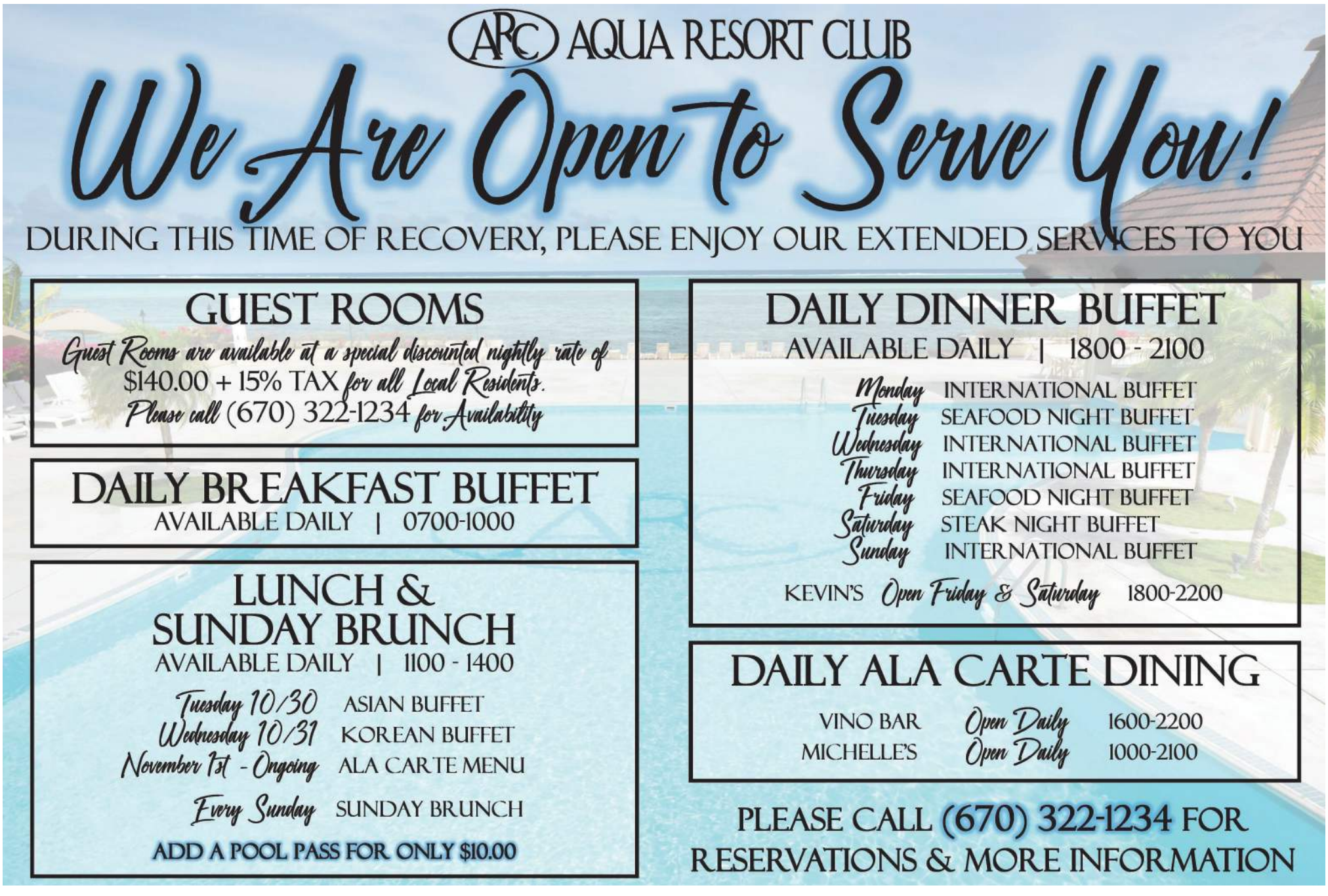
"…It seems that every classroom, or every room in this school [had been] affected," she said, adding that an official assessment on the school campus has yet to be made. "Right now our focus is to assess all the damage of the school."

"There is no information yet on how long the school would be closed," she added.

Interim Education commissioner Glenn Muna noted, in a statement posted yesterday on the Public School System social media page, that public schools on Saipan and Tinian would be "closed until further notice."

"PSS is currently working on a plan to get schools open as soon as possible. For now, please keep an eye on further updates on our Facebook page as information will be posted weekly," he said.

When asked on the possible options for parents and students on alternatives for their education, Liwag noted that it has yet to be discussed. ***(Erwin Encinares)***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DCCA crunching figures for CNMI-wide NAP coverage

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The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the local government agency that administers the Nutritional Assistance Program in the CNMI, is looking at moving around benefits in order to allow a one-time relief distribution to CNMI residents.

"The NAP is going to carry out its regular issuance this week," said DCCA Secretary Robert Hunter in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*. Hunter did, however, clarify that NAP would continue to provide assistance to those who are under the program, and that rumors suggesting otherwise are not helping.

According to the DCCA secretary, they would be looking at some of the figures before submitting a request to the FNS to allow for disaster relief assistance.

"We are going to be putting a request to the FNS…to address any possibility of disaster NAP assistance. The FNS does not look upon itself as an immediate source for disaster food assistance; that is just not their thing," he said.

Hunter noted that FNS has a certain number of days before responding to requests for disaster food assistance and that it might take awhile before NAP can issue food assistance NMI-wide. He further noted that besides having to work within the current budget allotted to the CNMI in NAP monies, the CNMI NAP is looking at moving around benefits so that those under the program are not under-served.

"What we don't want to do is give one-time assistance and then see us not be able to accommodate the households that need NAP assistance all year-round. We have to work within the budget we use now to accommodate beneficiaries," he said.

Hunter said he recognizes the need for assistance islandwide in regards to NAP, however, he said that it would be highly dependent on how much funding remains with FNS.

"…There are three areas where [FNS] does approve these kinds of requests for additional assistance and two of those are only for NAP beneficiaries," he said, adding that they were the replacement of NAP benefits for when exchanged food was either lost, destroyed, or spoiled due to the lack of refrigeration; the approval of supplementary benefits for NAP recipients not receiving maximum benefits per household; and a one-time benefit to every single household in the CNMI, which was the most costly one.

"Whatever we do, whatever scheme we are able to come up with and get approved by FNS depending on how much resources we have available to us, it has to be something that won't affect the annual benefits to households," he said. "…For a one-time food benefit, we cannot jeopardize the entire NAP."

False rumors

In a Yutu Rumor Control advisory yesterday, the Office of the Governor belied the rumor that Disaster Food Assistance will be provided to all Saipan residents this Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018.

"This is completely false," the advisory stated.

It said that NAP will be issuing the regular benefits to *current beneficiaries* as scheduled. The issuances will be carried out as they have been in previous months.

"If you are not a current Saipan beneficiary of food stamps, you will not be able to receive food assistance by visiting the NAP office on Thursday, Nov. 1," the advisory states.

That means only current Saipan beneficiaries of food stamps should go to the NAP office in As Lito on Thursday.

For current beneficiaries of food stamps, the Tinian issuance for current beneficiaries took place yesterday, Oct. 30.

The Rota issuance for current beneficiaries will take place today, Oct. 31.

The Saipan issuance will take place from Nov. 1 to Nov. 4.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and NAP is currently working with FNS on the details of a one-time disaster assistance food benefit. The details of this will be made available as soon as a plan is approved by the FNS, and public announcements will be made to inform the public prior to the implementation of any such issuance.

Until such time, everyone is being urged to pay close attention to official releases, bulletins, and announcements from the CNMI EOC State Warning Point, CNMI Office of the Governor, and the CNMI Joint Information Center. ***(PR)***

SOLDIERS IN ACTION
Thirty soldiers from the Guam Army National Guard arrived on Saipan yesterday and immediately began assisting with clearing and recovery efforts in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu.
GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Mark Brown back at IPI

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC announced yesterday that Mark A. Brown will return from retirement to rejoin IPI, as the completion of the Garapan casino property enters its final phase.

Shortly after the opening of Best Sunshine Live in July of 2015, Brown shifted his focus from day-to-day operations to fundraising and governmental relations.

In an IPI statement yesterday, it said that Brown "worked closely with the Saipan Casino Control Commission and forged deep bonds with the people of CNMI in his capacity as chairman.

After guiding IPI through many key phases, Brown retired late last year "to spend more time with his family" in the U.S. mainland.

"While enjoying his retirement, Mr. Brown remained a close friend to IPI and to the community of Saipan," the statement added.

"Over the past year the IPI team has positioned itself into the final stretch of completion for the Garapan resort property," it said.

It said that IPI and Brown began to talk about Brown returning as "interim chairman" early last month "to lend his experience in guiding IPI through these critical last stages, and help ensure the success of launching full resort operations."

Brown

To solidify his potential return, Brown visited Saipan during the week of Oct. 15 to view the progress first-hand and meet with government officials.

"As events progressed, last week [Super] Typhoon Yutu made landfall on Saipan. Yutu's massive impact has created a moment where every member of the Saipan community, no matter where they are in the world, must step up to lend a hand to support one another. …Brown feels that spirit as a call to action, and is eager to return to Saipan to lend his support to rebuilding and guiding the IPI project to completion," the IPI statement said.

"As one of the most prominent and respected leaders in the gaming industry, the IPI board is proud to welcome back a member of its family, and looks forward to [Brown] once again serving in a chairman capacity and helping contribute to the Saipan community during this crucial moment," the statement said. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

YUTU UPDATES

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Mass care

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter and Salvation Army continue to provide food to shelters for over 900 individuals.

Marianas Young Professionals assisted with 300 meals for those affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

Relief assistance

Relief assistance has arrived from Guam, with engineers from the Guam Power Authority assisting with power and water restoration.

About 140 Guam Guardsmen have started their mission on Saipan and will be here for about 60 days.

The Army Guard's 1224th Engineer Support Company is here, in support of debris clearing missions.

Gov. Eddie Calvo has given approval for the Guam National Guard's support mission.

The Guam International Airport Authority has sent two senior airfield electricians to Saipan. The GIAA team will help the Saipan airport resume full operation.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

CEC

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for the new election date as long as they are doing the early voting.

Early voting for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota was supposed to start yesterday, based on the old schedule.

The general election was originally set for Nov. 6.

On Monday, Torres signed an executive order that authorizes the postponement of the early voting and the general election due to Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation on Saipan and Rota.

Torres said early voting will now be on Nov. 6 and the general election will now be on Nov. 13.

Torres said after consultation with CEC, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and other agencies, he has determined that it will be nearly impossible to hold the election as scheduled for a variety of factors.

The governor cited the inability of the CEC to conduct the election as required, the damage to the public and private infrastructure, the people's need to look after their families and property, and the government's need to concentrate on providing relief to the public.

"We are at a very sensitive time here in the CNMI, and I want all of our residents on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to focus on taking care of themselves after experiencing two devastating natural disasters," Torres said.

"Exercising your right to vote is an important part of our democracy and our freedom. Taking care of yourself and your family is even more important," he added.

Villagomez said that for early voting and on the day of the general election itself, the government must provide generators at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Early voting on Saipan will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, while on Tinian it's either at the Northern Marianas College-Tinian or at Tinian High School, and on Rota it will be at NMC-Rota.

Villagomez said she believes that the only difficulty they are facing is Tinian because the island has no power and water supply.

On Saipan, if the school cafeterias will still be used as shelters on Nov. 13, CEC can use classrooms as polling places, she said.

The executive director said she has no idea how the government or CUC can provide generators at each polling place.

YUTU

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homes sustained major damage.

On Saipan, 462 homes were in complete ruins. A total of 317 homes sustained major damage, making them inhabitable.

In a previous interview with John Hirsch, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director, he said that over 900 individuals are in local shelters because their homes were left either completely destroyed or are so badly damaged that they are not habitable.

The assessment on Saipan covered the villages of Kagman 1, 2, 3, Lau Lau, Susupe, Chalan Kanoa, San Antonio, Koblerville, Dandan, and San Vicente.

Power remains out on most of Saipan, with gas lines stretching two miles, extensive damage to critical infrastructure noted in southern Saipan, and dozens of downed power poles and lines.

Tinian, which bore the brunt of Super Typhoon Yutu, has 70 completely destroyed homes and a total of 113 homes that sustained major damage. The Tinian Health Center sustained extensive damage.

The Tinian assessment covered the villages of San Jose, House of Taga, Carolinas, Marpo Vallley, and Marpo Heights.

Tinian still has no power and it's estimated to take three months before 50 percent of the island's power is restored.

The island of Rota sustained the least amount of damage from Super Typhoon Yutu, but still sustained 13 destroyed homes and 38 homes with major damage. The assessment covered the villages of Songsong and Sinapalo.

Rota, which just had its power restored soon after Typhoon Mangkhut hit the island over a month ago, is again without power islandwide.

According to a statement from the CNMI Joint Information Center, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota experienced very heavy rainfall and extremely high winds that caused damage to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

Utility infrastructures on all three islands were severely impacted and downed power lines, transformers, and poles were seen.

Driving conditions also remain hazardous as debris removal operations are still underway.

WOMAN

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has yet to confirm the incident or provide details but, according to a source who was at the scene, the woman died in the establishment yesterday morning, possibly from carbon monoxide inhalation from a power generator. The source said the woman may have been working at the establishment but is not sure.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesperson Bobby Taisacan said that, as far as DFEMS is aware, the woman is a Jane Doe, which means her name, age, or ethnic background could not be verified at this time.

Taisacan said DPS contacted DFEMS at around 10:49am yesterday to transport the body from Hana Health Massage to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Be safe

Although the Torres administration did not confirm the fatality, it issued a warning for people to practice safety when using a portable generator.

In a statement yesterday, it acknowledged that many residents are using portable generators and outlined several safety tips.

It warned users to be aware that generators can cause dangerous hazards such as carbon monoxide poisoning from the engine exhaust pipe, fire, and electrocution.

No info yet

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. spokesperson Samantha Birmingham-Babauta said that CHCC has no details to release as of 4:30pm yesterday.

Taisacan said the case is still under investigation by DPS. The identity of the woman and her cause of death is also still under investigation.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain information from DPS at 3:50pm yesterday, but DPS refused to give a statement about the incident.

Although the reported fatality is not a direct cause of Super Typhoon Yutu, this death is the second death post-Yutu.

A 44-year-old local woman died from injuries she sustained after an abandoned building in Chalan Kanoa where she had sought shelter collapsed at the height of Super Typhoon Yutu.

ZERO

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island and neighboring Tinian.

"Business is not just slow but zero…I guess the rental car business is going to suffer a big loss until the tourists come back," said QQ Car Rental president James Han.

"We are looking at one month or a month and a half before tourists come back in numbers and it really depends how soon the airport will resume regular flight operations. If the restoration takes more time, it's going to be more trouble for us, and for the tourism industry because, once people start changing their destination, we lose," Han added.

Rental of convertible cars is one of the reasons why tourists come to Saipan. It is believed to boost CNMI tourism because these American muscle cars gives tourists a vibe of vacationing in a United States territory.

The concern about slow tourism was echoed by Eunhee Chung, secretary at Sangjee Rent-A-Car in Garapan. "Since Super Typhoon Yutu had passed, business has not been good and it's a very serious matter because not a single tourist has come in to our office to rent a car. Saipan is in the news every day in Korea, showing pictures of the damage and devastation, with reports that it is a very serious situation," she said.

"The future doesn't look good as we might suffer losses for one month or more. We know it's going to be bad because, as of now, early next year's reservations had already been cancelled. December might pick up because of Christmas time but, with all the cancellations, we are not hopeful," she added.

Aside from a bleak customer base in the next weeks, some cars of both companies also suffered damage from Yutu.

"We have four to five cars with glass damage and 20 to 30 cars with scratches. Insurance does not cover damage caused by natural disasters like earthquake, tsunami, and typhoons. Repair cost might reach close to $50,000," Han said

"We learned a lot from Soudelor so we really took time to prepare for Yutu. We stopped releasing cars on the day of the arrival of typhoon Yutu and we parked all the cars at the back of our office. The car damage we incurred during Soudelor went from $300,000 to $500,000," he added.

The Soudelor experience also taught Chung to take better care of their cars "We have two branches: one in Garapan and the other in San Antonio near [Pacific Islands Club Saipan]. Cars parked in the San Antonio branch suffered big damage and cars parked in Garapan had zero damage," she said.

"We have over 60 cars and five cars were damaged with broken glass, scratches, and broken side mirrors. Repair cost might reach $10,000," she added.

Han remains positive despite projected losses in his car rental business. "We are staying positive by trying to figure out how to help the community to hasten Saipan's recovery. We are renting cars out to locals for $20 to $30 a day and we help people from the Federal Emergency Management Assistance and American Red Cross as they order some trucks for recovery operations and we give them 50-percent discount," he said.

"Once everything returns back to normal operations, I project the influx of customers is going to be less than usual because it is not automatic… We are doing what we can to help the community. In fact, we plan to go to Marpi to assess the safety signs that we put up there months ago so that it is less dangerous, both for locals and tourists," he added.

Chung said there is nothing they can do now but be patient. "We are looking at full recovery after three months, but even with that, the big season from December to February in Korea is already finished. That is also China's peak season, the holidays."

"Our five cars that were damaged is very small, but business is suffering the biggest damage. But we are going to fight this through and help spread good publicity for Saipan to the tourists," she added.

Guam-based U.S. Army reservists from Echo Company 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Division, volunteer to distribute relief supplies to island residents affected by Super Typhoon Yutu in Saipan Oct. 28.
JOANNA DELFIN

Army Reserve answers call for disaster relief

HONOLULU, Hawaii— The 9th Mission Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve is mobilizing approximately 300 soldiers from Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and soldiers based in the Pacific area.

The mobilization is effective Oct. 30, 2018. It supports relief and recovery efforts following the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu in the CNMI in order to save lives and mitigate human suffering.

In concert and coordination with various federal, state, local, interagency, and non-governmental organization partners, U.S. Army Reserve soldiers are transporting Federal Emergency Management Agency and American Red Cross relief supplies and equipment to support their fellow citizens, assisting with debris clearance, and distributing commodities.

Additionally, the U.S. Army Reserve is providing its Saipan facilities as a staging area for relief operations.

Prior to the mobilization announcement, approximately 140 Army Reserve soldiers volunteered to support relief operations as one of the first military assets on the ground to support the community on Saipan.

Over 500 U.S. Army Reserve soldiers currently live and work in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"I am extremely proud of our soldiers who, at a moment's notice, dropped what they were doing to provide help and support to their neighbors, families and community. We are the community. This is a great example of the joint force and interagency partnership making a difference in people's lives," said Brig. Gen. Doug Anderson, commanding general, 9th Mission Support Command.

Service members from Joint Region Marianas and Indo-Pacific Command are providing Department of Defense support to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' civil and local officials as part of the FEMA-supported Typhoon Yutu. ***(PR)***

FOR TYPHOON MANGKHUT ASSISTANCE

One month left to apply for SBA disaster loans

Tanya N. Garfield, director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center-West, reminded CNMI private nonprofit organizations of the Nov. 28, 2018, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for property damage caused by Typhoon Mangkhut that occurred on Sept. 10-11, 2018.

Private nonprofits that provide essential services of a governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

According to Garfield, eligible private nonprofits of any size may apply for SBA federal disaster loans of up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

In addition, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help eligible private nonprofits meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the private nonprofit suffered any property damage. Private nonprofits have until July 1, 2019, to apply for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan.

The interest rate is 2.5 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. ***(PR)***

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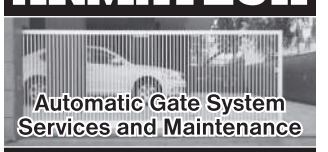
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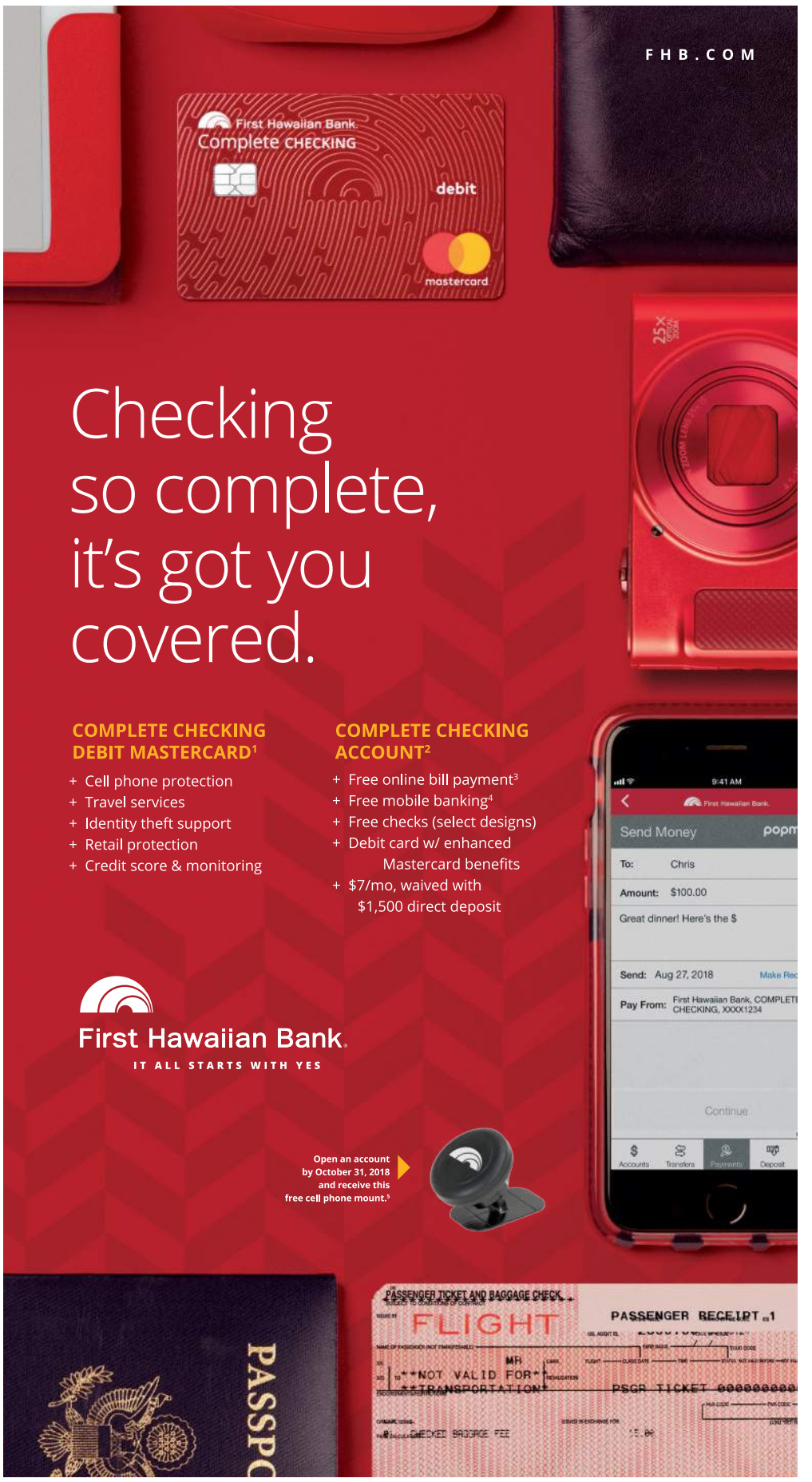

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Anheuser-Busch, Ambros donate 50K cans of water

TAMUNING, Guam—Anheuser-Busch is sending 50,000 cans of drinking water to the CNMI, to assist those affected by Super Typhoon Yutu. The water is being sent through the brewer's partner, Ambros Inc., and will be released to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, through Marianas Pacific Distributors, or Marpac.

Anheuser-Busch is known to regularly stop brewing to fill cans with drinking water. This is done throughout the year to ensure that water is ready, should the need arise. The water was already en route to Guam, in preparation for the storm season.

"We requested the water about six weeks ago after Typhoon Mangkhut, and Anheuser-Busch gladly filled our request for the emergency supply. We made the request to reduce the amount of time the region had to wait for emergency drinking water, in the event of a natural disaster" said Tom Shimizu, general manager of Ambros Inc. "Our hearts are with the people in the CNMI, and we'll continue to do our part to help in the recovery process."

Guy Pudney, resident manager of Marpac, said: "Safe, clean drinking water is an absolute necessity during these difficult times, not only for the typhoon victims but also for all the relief workers on island who are helping with the recovery efforts. We will work with local organizations to get this water in the hands of the people who need it the most, as fast and as efficiently as we can for both Saipan and Tinian. As a resident of Saipan and a fellow victim of this storm, I assure you that we at Marpac, will do what we can to assist in these trying times."

The water is scheduled to arrive on Saipan this week and will be distributed throughout the CNMI by the Red Cross. ***(PR)***

Anheuser-Busch is sending 50,000 cans of drinking water to the CNMI, to assist those affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

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Kilili thanks Pelosi for typhoon recovery support

Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi has committed her support to bringing the full resources of the United States to help the Marianas in the recovery effort following Super Typhoon Yutu, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday.

Pelosi

Yutu ravaged the islands on Oct. 24 -25, killing at least one, injuring over 130, and causing massive destruction to homes, businesses, public facilities, and infrastructure on Saipan and Tinian.

"I am already working with…Pelosi and the Appropriations Committee to put together a package of assistance," Sablan said. "I am very grateful for her assurance of help from Congress and the American people."

Pelosi issued the following statement: "Our fellow Americans in the Mariana Islands have endured a storm of staggering force and destructiveness. We are praying for the families and communities who were hit, and for the brave first responders who have rushed to help.

"We are grateful for the tireless leadership of Congressman Sablan, who immediately began working to ensure the federal government keeps its moral obligation to our fellow Americans in the aftermath of this disaster. The powerful and respected voice he brings to Washington, on both sides of the aisle, will be invaluable in ensuring the Mariana Islands receive the help they need to rebuild strong as ever.

"Every American is owed this solemn promise, whether they live in the territories or the mainland: that in the critical months of recovery to come, their government will do everything it can to save lives and make them whole."

Sablan is scheduled to return to Washington, D.C. immediately after the election, so that he can meet face-to-face with Pelosi and leaders on both sides of the aisle to ensure that Marianas food aid, Medicaid, and other federal programs not covered by Federal Emergency Management Agency funding are fully funded. ***(PR)***

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Red Cross response to Super Typhoon Yutu

The American Red Cross is mobilizing disaster workers and supplies to help those in need in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Denise Everhart, coordinating officer for the American Red Cross disaster relief operation on the islands, said: "We saw homes damaged, trees snapped in half, cars destroyed. Most everyone we have spoken with has either had major damage or lost their home."

Nola Hix, a local Red Cross board member, said that people need help right now. "I can go without power but water is basic," she said. "We cannot go without water."

The storm damaged airports on the islands, making it difficult to send in workers and supplies. The Red Cross is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to transport staff and supplies and the first wave of Red Cross workers are on their way with more being deployed.

The Red Cross is supporting all the government-run shelters on Saipan and is helping to provide meals and water to shelter residents. Red Cross workers have distributed relief supplies, such as food, water, buckets, tarps, charging devices, stoves, lanterns, sanitation supplies and more to over 10,000 households. The Red Cross is also supporting family reunification operations, with satellite-equipped vehicles and are also assisting in contacting deployed service members with immediate family affected by the storm, to coordinate their return home to assist their family with cleanup and repair.

Red Cross volunteers are continuing to coordinate and conduct joint damage assessments with the Office of the Governor and FEMA, who are focused on helping restore power, opening sea and air ports, and ensuring cell towers can operate on emergency power until utility power returns.

To support the more than 42,000 Americans impacted by this storm, other American Red Cross lines of service, including international disaster and humanitarian services and service to the armed forces will also help along with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and other Red Cross National Societies experienced in providing relief services to the populations of Saipan and Tinian.

Returning home safely

The following guidance is for those individuals who have been advised by local authorities that it is safe to return home. Be sure to follow all specific instructions from local authorities related to returning home. The following safety tips are from the American Red Cross and can be found here: https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/home-structural-elements.html

■ If you had to leave your home, return only when local authorities advise that it is safe to do so. Do not cut or walk past colored tape that was placed over doors or windows to mark damaged areas unless you have been told that it is safe to do so. If a building inspector has placed a color-coded sign on the home, do not enter it until you get more information, advice and instructions from your local authorities.

■ If you have children, leave them with a relative or friend while you conduct your first inspection of your home after the disaster. The site may be unsafe for children, and seeing the damage firsthand may upset them even more and cause long-term effects, including nightmares.

Make a careful and thorough inspection of your home's structural elements:

■ Check the outside of your home before you enter. Look for loose power lines, broken or damaged gas lines, foundation cracks, missing support beams or other damage. Damage on the outside can indicate a serious problem inside. Ask a building inspector or contractor to check the structure before you enter.

■ If the door is jammed, don't force it open – it may be providing support to the rest of your home. Find another way to get inside.

■ Sniff for gas. If you detect natural or propane gas, or hear a hissing noise, leave the property immediately and get far away from it. Call the fire department after you reach safety.

■ If you have a propane tank system, turn off all valves and contact a propane supplier to check the system out before you use it again.

■ Beware of animals, such as rodents, snakes, spiders and insects, that may have entered your home. As you inspect your home, tap loudly and often on the floor with a stick to give notice that you are there.

■ Damaged objects, such as furniture or stairs, may be unstable. Be very cautious when moving near them. Avoid holding, pushing or leaning against damaged building parts.

■ Is your ceiling sagging? That means it got wet, which makes it heavy and dangerous. It will have to be replaced, so you can try to knock it down. Be careful: wear eye protection and a hard hat, use a long stick, and stand away from the damaged area. Poke holes in the ceiling starting from the outside of the bulge to let any water drain out slowly. Striking the center of the damaged area may cause the whole ceiling to collapse.

■ Is the floor sagging? It could collapse under your weight, so don't walk there! Small sections that are sagging can be bridged by thick plywood panels or thick, strong boards that extend at least 8–12 inches on each side of the sagging area.

■ If the weather is dry, open windows and doors to ventilate and/or dry your home.

■ If power is out, use a flashlight. Do not use any open flame, including candles, to inspect for damage or serve as alternate lighting.

■ Make temporary repairs such as covering holes, bracing walls, and removing debris. Save all receipts.

■ Take photographs of the damage. You may need these to substantiate insurance claims later.

■ For safety clean up tips from the Center for Disease Control, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/cleanup/facts.html

Reconnecting with loved ones

Communication is challenging throughout the region. This is a time for neighbors to help neighbors, and, when possible, help each other to reconnect with loved ones. The Red Cross has two ways to help you reconnect with loved ones. The free Red Cross Safe and Well website allows people to register and post messages to indicate that they are safe, or to search for loved ones. The site is open to the public and available in Spanish. Registrations and searches can be done on the website or by texting SAFE to 78876.

The Red Cross Emergency App "I'm Safe" button allows users to post a message to their social accounts, letting friends and family know they are out of harm's way. The Emergency App is in English and Spanish and is available in app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

How you can help

Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster. Help the Red Cross respond to disasters like Typhoon Yutu by donating at redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or mailing a check to your local office. ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-18-022

ROTA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT
(W17-053)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline; connections to the existing waterlines; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV installations, PRV CMU protective boxes, flush hydrant, fencing, restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

*CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.*

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **November 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Directors Office, Sinapalo, Rota.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-022, Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 6 , 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to LCDR Travis Spaeth, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Recovering emotionally from a disaster

Disasters are upsetting experiences for everyone involved. Children, older adults, people with disabilities and people for whom English is not their first language are especially at risk and are likely to need extra care and help.

To reach out for free 24/7 counseling or support, contact the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or text "TalkWithUs' to 66746.

Emotional Responses

When we experience a disaster or other stressful life event, we can have a variety of reactions that can include:

■ Feeling physically and mentally drained

■ Having difficulty making decisions or staying focused on topics

■ Becoming easily frustrated on a more frequent basis

■ Arguing more with family and friends

■ Feeling tired, sad, numb, lonely or worried

■ Experiencing changes in appetite or sleep patterns

Most of these reactions are temporary and will go away over time. Try to accept whatever reactions you may have. Look for ways to take one step at a time and focus on taking care of your disaster-related needs and those of your family.

Keep a particularly close eye on the children in your family. When disaster strikes, a child's view of the world as a safe and predictable place is temporarily lost. Children of different ages react in different ways to trauma, but how parents and other adults react following any traumatic event can help children recover more quickly and more completely. Your local Red Cross can give you information about helping children cope with disaster and trauma.

Recovery takes time

Getting ourselves and our lives back in a routine that is comfortable for us takes time.

■ Take care of your safety. Find a safe place to stay and make sure your physical health needs and those of your family are addressed. Seek medical attention if necessary.

■ Limit your exposure to the sights and sounds of disaster, especially on television, the radio and in the newspapers.

■ Eat healthy. During times of stress, it is important that you maintain a balanced diet.

■ Get some rest. With so much to do, it may be difficult to have enough time to rest or get adequate sleep. Giving your body and mind a break can boost your ability to cope with the stress you may be experiencing.

■ Stay connected with family and friends. Giving and getting support is one of the most important things you can do. Try to do something as a family that you have all enjoyed in the past.

■ Be patient with yourself and with those around you. Recognize that everyone is stressed and may need some time to put their feelings and thoughts in order. That includes you!

■ Set priorities. Tackle tasks in small steps.

■ Gather information about assistance and resources that will help you and your family members meet your disaster-related needs.

■ Stay positive. Remind yourself of how you've successfully gotten through difficult times in the past. Reach out when you need support, and help others when they need it. ***(ARC)***

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How Americans confront a bomb scare

The swift arrest of a Florida suspect in a nationwide bomb scare brings relief to Americans of all political stripes. As should the fact that none of the devices—sent to a dozen or so prominent Democrats and critics of President Donald Trump—exploded.

Americans don't settle their political disputes with violence; they settle them at the ballot box. Although if that's the democratic ideal, it's not always the reality.

As a nation, we're divided into political and demographic tribes. But we do pull together under threat. This mail bomb spree was more than an attack on one party. It was an attack on the country's political system, its democratic foundations.

This episode reminded us that politically inspired terror is ecumenical in its reach. It stalks a baseball field where a former Bernie Sanders volunteer doesn't open fire on a congressional baseball team until he makes sure the players are Republicans. It arrives in packages, believed to be laced with the poison ricin, sent earlier this month to the president and the Pentagon.

Now comes the inevitable next chapter, exploited by internet conspirators and pugnacious internet trolls: What, or who, might have motivated the suspect, Cesar Sayoc Jr.?

Many will suggest that the prime suspect there is Trump, who has thrilled some voters but revolted others with reckless, incendiary language. All political leaders take on their foes; Trump demonizes opponents and calls those of us in the news media "enemies of the people." His attacks are personal and mean-spirited.

That said, we don't know if Sayoc, if guilty, was taking his cue from Trump or from overlords on Mars. Millions of Americans hear Trump's combustible rhetoric yet don't rush to the post office with pipe bombs. Which is not to absolve Trump, or any politician of any party, for whipping up passions by dehumanizing the opposition. We'd counsel Trump—yet again—to tone it down for the benefit of the nation.

Speaking after the arrest Friday, Trump said, "We must never allow political violence to take root in America." That may be dutiful and heartwarming, but it belies the history of a nation born in revolution. Political violence, assassination included, punctuates America's past. Yet in incidents like this, political violence flouts American values.

That's why the vast majority of citizens, even rabid partisans, denounce physical acts as a way to make a political point. Policy differences do fray tempers. Disputes on Capitol Hill, or in City Hall, always will be rancorous. But that should be the outer limit.

Every American will now watch as our justice system takes over. Here's what happens to those who threaten violence and get caught: prosecution, perhaps conviction, and if so, punishment. We hope that epilogue deters the next would-be political terrorist.

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A Nobel for aiding climate denial and delay

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It has been a scary month in climate science. Hurricane Michael and a frightening report from the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change underlined the potential costs of human-caused global warming. Then to add insult to injury, William Nordhaus won the economics Nobel Prize.

Nordhaus was recognized for his work developing a model to guide policymakers on how best to address the costs and benefits of limiting greenhouse gases. That's a noble goal, but Nordhaus' work has no more helped to defuse the threat of global warming than Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Germany prevented World War II. Rather, Nordhaus' low-ball estimates of the costs of future climate change and high-ball estimates of the costs of containing the threat contributed to a lost decade in the fight against climate change, lending intellectual legitimacy to denial and delay.

In Nordhaus' 1993 paper, "Rolling the 'Dice': An Optimal Transition Path for Controlling Greenhouse Gases," he wrote: "A growing body of evidence has pointed to the likelihood that greenhouse warming will have only a modest economic impact in industrial countries, while progress to cut (greenhouse gases) will impose substantial costs." How modest? Nordhaus estimated that a 3 degrees Celsius warming would cost the U.S. economy a miniscule one-quarter percent of national income. He admitted that unmeasured and unquantifiable variables might affect that prediction, but in his view, they might only bring the cost up to about 1 percent of national income.

Given such a tepid assessment of the threat, it is little wonder that Nordhaus' biggest cheerleaders have come from the "do nothing about it" crowd. In 1997, for instance, William Niskanen, then chairman of the ultra-conservative Cato Institute, seized on Nordhaus' estimates to argue before Congress that it was premature to take action on climate change because "the costs of doing nothing appear to be quite small." Yet four years before his testimony, scientists had discovered that, in the past, climate changed quite abruptly and dramatically, not slowly and moderately as Nordhaus' model assumed.

The warming we've experienced so far allows us to put this in context. Global temperatures are now 1 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, but even this increment has accelerated the melting of the ice caps, spurred sea-level rise and increased the frequency and intensity of storms, droughts and floods. It has spawned myriad derivative impacts: the spread of tree-killing bark beetles that provide fuel for record-setting wildfires in the West, as well as intolerable temperatures and droughts in the Middle East and Africa that have contributed to war in Syria and destablilizing migration.

The IPCC report, released the same day Nordhaus got his Nobel, heightens the award's absurdity. Nordhaus in 1992 estimated the net economic damage of 3 degrees Celsius of global warming, under a business-as-usual scenario, at $5.6 trillion globally (about $10.2 trillion today). The climate change panel now estimates the damage from 2 degrees' Celsius warming to be $69 trillion. Even this figure might prove radically conservative.

Four years after climate scientist James Hansen told Congress that global warming was already happening, Nordhaus suggested that the "thermal inertia of the oceans" meant climate change would have a "lag of several decades behind (greenhouse gas) concentrations." That year, 1992, scientists studying ice cores taken from the Greenland Ice Sheet, confirmed that, in the past, climate had undergone huge swings in as little as a few years.

In fairness, Nordhaus has always recognized global warming as a threat. He advocates a tax on carbon, which is a good idea. If the price is right, a carbon tax would push people and industries to cut emissions without cumbersome bureaucracy.

Nordhaus has also revised and updated the model he developed as the IPCC has revised its forecasts, and he and his colleagues have (in their view) gotten a better grip on the variables at work in the interplay of climate and an economy. His recent work implies an optimum tax on carbon at $31 a ton, which, in real terms, is about three times his too-low 1992 estimate.

Nordhaus and his colleagues concede that even with a $31-a-ton carbon tax, the planet would be on a track for 3 degrees Celsius of warming, but they don't appear to recognize that such an increase would render much of the world unrecognizable and vulnerable to mass starvation (a number of studies predict yield declines of up to 70 percent for vegetables if the world warms beyond 2 degrees Celsius). In any event, 26 years after his first publications, the U.S. still doesn't have a carbon tax, in part because Nordhaus (and others who shared his views) underestimated the cost of doing nothing.

Most economists famously failed to predict the near-collapse of the banking system in 2008, and it may be asking too much that such a "science" ace the far more complicated problem of estimating the impact of climate change. Still, it's jarring that the same organization that in 2007 gave its Peace Prize to Al Gore and the IPCC for their efforts to come to grips with climate change, would, 11 years later, honor an economist whose work more undermined efforts to deal *with the threat than helped them.*

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This is where the dark tunnel leads

By SASHA ABRAMSKY
The Sacramento Bee

Sasha Abramsky, who teaches at UC Davis, is a Sacramento writer whose latest book is Jumping at Shadows: The Triumph of Fear and the End of the American Dream.

When I began this column on Friday, the three biggest stories of the past couple of weeks were the brutal murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, the northward march of a migrant caravan of destitute Central Americans and the mailing of pipe bombs to high-profile political, cultural and media people and institutions who have aroused Trump's wrath.

By the time I finished writing, the biggest story was the Saturday morning bloodbath in a Pittsburgh synagogue perpetrated by a suspect with apparent Nazi sympathies.

Regarding the Khashoggi killing, President Donald Trump has bent over backwards to defend Saudi leaders. He first repeated their denials that Khashoggi had been murdered and then supported their explanation of "rogue killers." And when, faced with global skepticism, the Saudi regime ludicrously claimed that his death had actually been the accidental result of a fist fight, Trump wasted no time in proclaiming that explanation plausible, too.

Even now, faced with overwhelming evidence of a cover-up of an assassination ordered by the kingdom's rulers, Trump's condemnation has been half-hearted at best. He doesn't like what happened and calls it the "worst ever" cover-up (and he should know about cover-ups), but at the same time he doesn't intend to halt arms sales to the Saudis.

Trump's unwillingness to take a morally meaningful stand against a journalist's murder should surprise no one. This is a man who considers the media "the enemy of the people," and who positively glowed with enthusiasm at a recent rally in Montana when he imitated a local congressman beating up a reporter. This is a man who has the gall to blame the media for stirring up trouble when pipe bombs are sent to ex-presidents and news outlets.

Trump knows, as did the founding fathers, that a vibrant press and an informed citizenry are essential for reining in the ambitions of dictators. Conversely, he knows that a neutered and distrusted press is essential to dismantle democracy and replace it with a strongman kleptocracy.

His totalitarian strategy is working. A poll this summer found that 44 percent of GOP voters believe Trump should have the power to shut down media organizations, while roughly half believe the media are indeed the enemy of the people. Pro-Trump trolls regard it as sport to email threats and insults to journalists.

After my last column, for example, one critic sent me a Facebook Message: "F_k you f_got. Nobody even reads your stupid s_t. Red wave motherf_r."

That's not a statement of political disagreement; that's simply poorly punctuated hoodlum-speak.

Over the past year, many other correspondents have emailed vicious anti-Semitic diatribes my way. Anti-Semitism has always been the go-to place for malcontents and ultra-nationalists. This is a particularly lethal strain of hatred, as shown by the awful events at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, where a man who believed Jews were sabotaging the race purity of the United States by bringing in caravan-loads of refugees and asylum-seekers is charged with killing 11 worshipers.

All of this is occurring against the backdrop of Trump's explicit embrace of "nationalism" and his opportunistic, pre-election hyping of a nonexistent "national emergency" around immigration. In the past few days he has ordered troops to the Mexico border, and, in contravention of international and arguably domestic law, will likely announce plans just days before the Nov. 6 election to close the border to all Central Americans.

His militarist rhetoric and sneering contempt for "globalists," his race-baiting and his attacks on the media all are straight out of the blood-and-soil fascist playbook. This is the might-is-right language of the Proud Boys and other nascent white supremacist militias. It is also the perverted nationalism of past globe-wreckers.

In 1935, for example, addressing the Reichstag, Adolf Hitler noted that "National Socialism is a doctrine that has reference exclusively to the German people... We National Socialists believe a man can, in the long run, be happy only among his own people."

For the first years of his Fuhrership, Hitler presided over economic growth and low unemployment. If you were a part of the Aryan, Christian, and heterosexual majority in Germany, the mid-1930s looked pretty good – which is why so many good Germans turned a blind eye to Nazi atrocities and remained passionately loyal to their Fuhrer.

But if you weren't part of that majority, of course, your citizenship was challenged and your access to jobs and social benefits denied. You faced the wrath of paramilitaries and increasingly violent law enforcement, your children were often taken and you were denied legal recourse. At the end of the road, the concentration camp awaited you.

Selling your soul to dictators or would-be dictators is always a bad bet. It leaves you morally bankrupted, and when times turn bad as they always eventually do under strongman rulers, when they pick one fight too many, gamble once too often on reckless trade policies and cross one moral Rubicon too far, it ultimately leaves you alone.

In this time of immense fear, how to find your purpose

By MARY SCHMICH
Chicago Tribune

I was sitting in a coffeehouse with my laptop recently, diligently scrolling through the horrors of the world, wondering what useful thing there was to say about any of it, when a man I know stopped by my table.

I get testy when people interrupt my work—really, scrolling through the horrors of the world, aka the news, is work—but this man knows me well enough that he responded to my curtness by saying he'd be quick.

He said he just wanted to mention that he and his wife had been traveling around, working to get out the vote in November.

At that point, I expected him to launch into a lament on how depressing, infuriating and otherwise awful the world was right now, a refrain that on any given day is long, and on that day looked something like this:

JOHN GIBBINS/SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE/TNS

San Francisco in November 2018 will become the largest city in the nation to allow noncitizens the chance to vote in a local election, making the city once again a flashpoint in the debate about immigration. Here, "I voted" stickers in San Diego in June 2018.

A Saudi Arabian journalist who wrote for The Washington Post and was critical of the Saudi regime had been murdered in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

Several thousand migrants were trudging north toward the U.S. border, fleeing violence, corruption and poverty; the current president had suggested, without evidence, that terrorists might be among them.

The federal government was considering redefining transgender people out of legal existence.

The current president continued to mock the media, to call facts that don't suit him "fake" and to praise a congressman who body-slammed a reporter.

Add to all that the ongoing horrors of racism, sexism and climate change.

But the man who stopped by my table didn't mention any of the ugliness. Instead, he talked for a moment more about getting out the vote. Then he smiled.

"This is a time of purpose," he said, as he headed off with a wave. "We are on a mighty crusade."

Huh.

This is a time of purpose. We are on a mighty crusade.

What a refreshing change from the anger and lament.

In psychology, there's a concept known as "reframing." It involves turning a problem into a challenge, looking for words and ways to view something bad or difficult in a more useful light.

Reframing is not the same as delusion. Delusion is a failure to grasp reality. When you reframe, you see reality but understand that it has many angles. You acknowledge that what you perceive depends on where you look, on where you stand, on how you name what you see and feel.

This man wasn't looking away from the horrors of the world. He was looking at them differently, finding a different approach to the same ugly events.

He was trading aimless anger for purpose.

Viewed through a common frame, the time we're living in is, without a doubt, one of rage and fear. It's not the first such time. It may not even be the worst. But collectively we're on permanent boil, with new reasons every day to be angry and afraid.

Pipe bombs are mailed to prominent critics of the current president. The recipients include Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, George Soros and Robert De Niro.

The stock market takes a dive.

As November elections approach, many Americans face unjust obstacles to registering to vote.

And the current president, as usual, blames the anger on the media, guaranteed to stir more anger.

When you've been alive for a while, of course, you've lived through many ages of rage and fear, and it's hard to know yet where the current one ranks in the hierarchy.

The recent spate of pipe bombs is reminiscent of the anthrax attacks that began in September 2001. A week after terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center, letters laced with deadly anthrax spores began showing up at media outlets and at the U.S. Capitol. Five people died.

The investigation lasted years; the suspect committed suicide before a trial. The anthrax panic passed.

For a while afterward, in the early days of Barack Obama's presidency, the great American buzzword was hope. That passed too.

So here we are in this new age. Call it a time of rage and fear. Or reframe it. Call it a time of purpose.

It's a time when our fundamental American values—of fairness, justice, tolerance, inclusion, decency, dedication to truth—are tested daily. But the test is not a defeat. It's a summons to the crusade.

Go vote.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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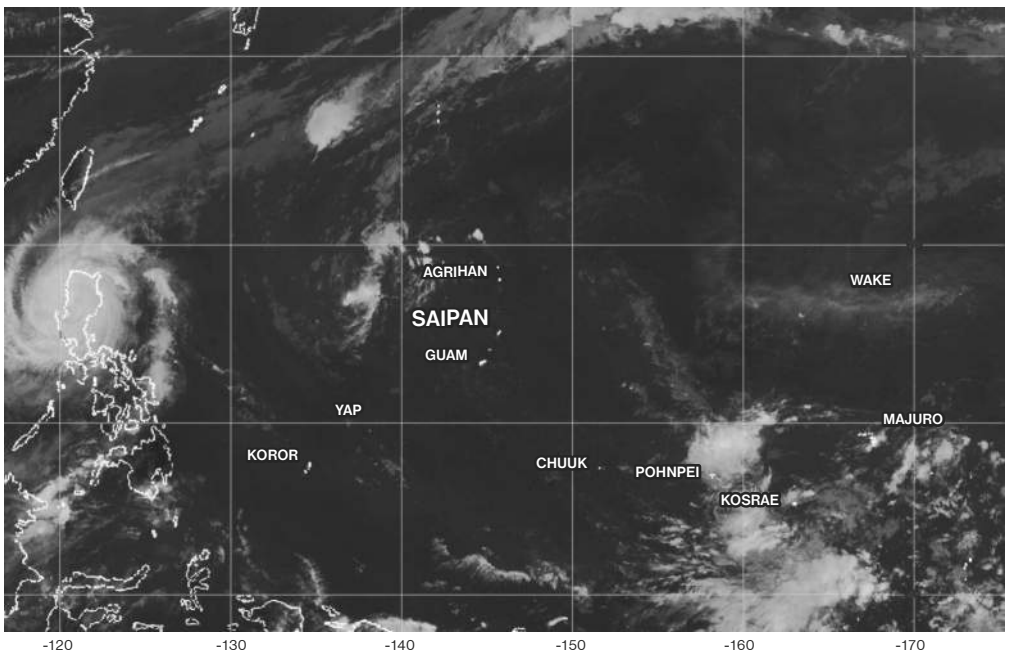
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:39 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows a small area of clouds passing through the Marianas at this time, with clearer weather moving in. The weather balloon from last night shows southeast winds of 5 knots at the surface which then build to between 15 and 25 knots through the lowest 20 thousand feet, then turn east and increase to 20 to 30 knots. The Ipan buoy reveals a 4 foot east trade-wind swell. There is probably a similarly sized west swell from Typhoon Yutu, however, since Yutu is now crossing northern Luzon, this swell will not continue much longer.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	87° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	61° / 52°
Beijing	Sunny	64° / 34°
Hong Kong	Windy	75° / 70°
Honolulu	Thunderstorms	83° / 74°
London	Showers	52° / 45°
Los Angeles	Sunny	82° / 57°
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	91° / 70°
Miami	Sunny	81° / 77°
New York	Mostly Sunny	67° / 55°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	64° / 50°
Paris	Rain	55° / 48°
Busan	Sunny	61° / 45°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	70° / 59°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	80° / 63°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	67° / 55°
Seoul	Sunny	54° / 34°
Tokyo	Sunny	64° / 50°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	70° / 61°

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET
06:28 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.21
1:59 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.85
7:38 PM	LOW TIDE	1.23
11:52 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.60

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Thursday	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:09 AM	11:53 PM
Thursday	-	1:03 PM	-
Friday	12:53 AM	1:54 PM	-
Saturday	1:52 AM	2:41 PM	-
Sunday	2:49 AM	3:27 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA105	4:55am	5:41am	3, 5
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	8:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	8:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	8:45am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:30am	8:25am	1
UO43	6:00am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	8:45am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
UA104	11:30pm	12:16am+1	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ625	8:40pm	2:10am+1	7
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174 via GUM	10:25pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
PR110/UA174	10:55pm	7:45am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:25am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:30am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

IBM's $34B Red Hat deal is risky bid to boost cloud business

AP

This undated photo provided by IBM shows IBM Chairman and CEO Virginia Rometty, right, and Red Hat president and CEO Jim Whitehurst.

IBM's plan to buy Red Hat is both the biggest acquisition in IBM's century-long history and a risky effort to position itself as a major player in cloud computing.

The $34 billion stock deal translates to $190 per Red Hat share—a 63 percent premium to the closing price Friday for the Raleigh, North Carolina, company. Red Hat Inc.'s stock soared about 45 percent in trading Monday.

The path for revitalization for IBM may be found in cloud technology, a driving force behind the blockbuster deal for Red Hat over the weekend.

"It's a big bet but ultimately they're in a situation where they needed to make a significant acquisition to move them potentially forward," Wedbush analyst Daniel Ives said.

Cloud computing, in which services are delivered over the internet from remote computers, accounted for nearly a quarter of IBM's total revenue over the past year. But the company has been overshadowed by top cloud rivals Amazon, Microsoft and Google in competing to sell its internet-based computing services to businesses.

"This is about resetting the cloud landscape," IBM Chairman and CEO Virginia Rometty said Monday in a conference call.

The hybrid cloud—when companies use a mix of on-site, private and third-party public services—is an emerging $1 trillion opportunity that the companies want to be prepared for, Rometty said.

Ives said there's still plenty of room for growth as financial services, retailers and industrial firms increasingly migrate their workloads into the cloud.

IBM's Red Hat acquisition follows Microsoft's recently completed $7.5 billion purchase of computer coding hangout GitHub. Both deals will allow the larger companies to tap into a broader community of open-source software developers.

Red Hat, founded in 1993, has built a software platform using the open-source Linux operating system that's become "one of the key paths for enterprises in their moves to the cloud," Ives said.

The deal requires the approval of Red Hat shareholders as well as U.S. regulators. It is targeted to close in the second half of 2019, but Stifel's Brad Reback said others may wish to make a counterbid given Red Hat's strengths in data centers.

That prospect sent shares up $52.88 to $169.56, close to an all-time high. The stock of IBM, which is headquartered in Armonk, New York, slipped nearly 5 percent. ***(AP)***

Africa not creating enough jobs for booming youth population

JOHANNESBURG (AP)— African nations are failing to create enough jobs for a booming young population even as some countries have seen strong economic growth, a new report says.

The latest Ibrahim Index of African Governance sounds a warning for a continent where the sub-Saharan population is projected to double by 2050.

The report released Monday says Africa's overall GDP has risen nearly 40 percent over the past decade but the continent's average score for sustainable economic opportunity has increased just a fraction of 1 percent.

Africa is seeing the rise of young opposition leaders in countries like Uganda, Zimbabwe and Cameroon who are impatient with some of the world's oldest or longest-serving heads of state. Earlier this month, some in East Africa said they would unite with like-minded colleagues in West and southern Africa to form a movement to challenge the misrule that has plagued the continent.

Experts warn of coming turbulence as about 60 percent of Africa's population is under age 25, with birth rates among the highest in the world and health conditions improving for many. The United Nations says sub-Saharan Africa is projected to be the source of more than half of the world's population growth between now and 2050, straining countries' abilities to provide good education, jobs and health care.

"Africa has a huge challenge ahead. Its large and youthful potential workforce could transform the continent for the better, but this opportunity is close to being squandered," Mo Ibrahim, the Sudan-born billionaire who leads the foundation behind the new report, said in a statement. "The evidence is clear - young citizens of Africa need hope, prospects and opportunities. Its leaders need to speed up job creation to sustain progress and stave off deterioration."

Strong economic growth doesn't necessarily lead to more opportunities, the new report says. Nigeria, Angola, Sudan and Algeria have some of the highest GDP in Africa but are among the lowest for job creation.

The report also warns that education in 27 countries across the continent is now on the decline, further hurting the young population's future.

And "alarmingly, citizens' political and civic space in Africa is shrinking," the report adds, meaning less room for an increasingly connected, tech-savvy population to express concerns and seek solutions, with potentially explosive results.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-009

Opening Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

Chief Financial Officer

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is seeking for a qualified Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). CUC is a public utility corporation located on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI")—a United States territory in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.

The CNMI is a tropical paradise of fourteen islands. In the CNMI you can escape to a place of magnificent beaches and crystal clear aqua waters, and rich history. Saipan offers year-round outdoor activities, world class diving and golfing, international shopping, a range of ethnic restaurants and a cacophony of indigenous and international cultures.

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  - Bachelor's degree in accounting, economics, financial management, public or business administration from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation.
- Experience:
  - Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting, including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
  - A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is required.
  - Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.
- Must demonstrate the following:
  - Thorough knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board and Government Accounting Standards Board pronouncements and interpretations, auditing principles, and utility rate structures and rate setting principles and methods;
  - Working knowledge of automated financial systems and programs to manage all aspects of reporting, personnel management and training;
  - General knowledge of utility operations, debt collection practices, and limitations.
- Knowledge of:
  - Supervisory principles;
  - Managerial and leadership principles;
  - Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
  - Budgetary principles;
  - Financial principles;
  - Mathematical principles.
- Skill in:
  - Monitoring and evaluating staff;
  - Prioritizing and assigning work to staff;
  - Applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations;
  - Applying accounting procedures and principles;
  - Developing and implementing procedures and standards;
  - Analyzing accounting transactions;
  - Preparing and analyzing financial statements, budgets and reports;
  - Establishing internal control and compliance systems and information systems;
  - Conducting cost-benefit analysis;
  - Preparing annual reports;
  - Estimating costs for projects;
  - Analyzing and setting rates;
  - Using computers and related software applications;
  - Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

LOCATION: **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY INFORMATION: $100,000.00 per annum, Exempt
(Based on credentials and specialized experience and whether applicant has a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia)

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

1. United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail*:

   Human Resource Office
   Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
   P. O. Box 501220
   Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

   *If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax "or" email "or" drop off your package.

2. Fax: 670-235-5131

3. Email: employment.applications@cucgov.org

4. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

**********Nothing else follows**********

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Nation

Trump visit stirs debate; massacre defendant in court

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The man charged in the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre was brought into court in a wheelchair Monday, as some members of the Jewish community and others objected to President Donald Trump's plans to visit, accusing him of contributing to a toxic political climate in the U.S. that might have led to the bloodshed.

With the first funerals set for Tuesday, the White House announced that Trump and first lady Melania Trump will visit the same day to "express the support of the American people and to grieve with the Pittsburgh community" over the 11 congregants killed Saturday in the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history.

Some Pittsburghers urged Trump to stay away.

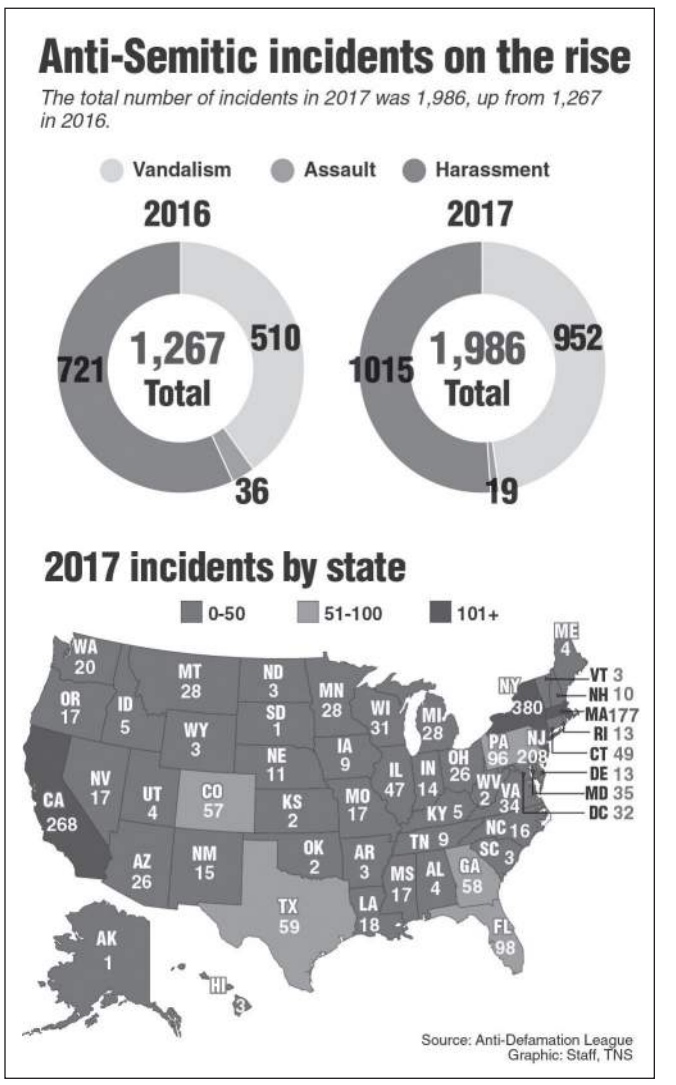
"His language has encouraged hatred and fear of immigrants, which is part of the reason why these people were killed," said Marianne Novy, 73, a retired college English professor who lives in the city's Squirrel Hill section, the historic Jewish neighborhood where the attack at the Tree of Life synagogue took place.

Meanwhile, the alleged gunman, 46-year-old truck driver Robert Gregory Bowers, was released from the hospital where he was treated for wounds suffered in a gun battle with police. Hours later he was wheeled into a downtown federal courtroom in handcuffs to face charges.

Tree of Life Rabbi Jeffrey Myers vowed to rebuild following a weekend massacre at his Pittsburgh synagogue where Robert Gregory Bowers is accused of killing 11 people in what is believed to be the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history. (Oct. 29)

A judge ordered him held without bail for a preliminary hearing on Thursday, when prosecutors will outline their case. He did not enter a plea.

During the brief proceeding, Bowers talked with two court-appointed lawyers and said little more than "Yes" in a soft voice a few times in response to routine questions from the judge. Courtroom deputies freed one of his cuffed hands so he could sign paperwork.



Pentagon sending 5,200 troops to border week before midterms

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon said Monday it is sending 5,200 troops to the Southwest border in an extraordinary military operation ordered up just a week before midterm elections in which President Donald Trump has put a sharp focus on Central American migrants moving north in slow-moving caravans that are still hundreds of miles from the U.S.

The number of troops being deployed is more than double the 2,000 who are in Syria fighting the Islamic State group.

Trump, eager to keep voters focused on illegal immigration in the lead-up to the elections, stepped up his dire warnings about the caravans, tweeting, "This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!"

But any migrants who complete the long trek to the southern U.S. border already face major hurdles — both physical and bureaucratic — to being allowed into the United States.

In an interview Monday, Trump said the U.S. would build "tent cities" for asylum seekers. "We're going to put tents up all over the place," told Fox News Channel's Laura Ingraham. "They're going to be very nice and they're going to wait and if they don't get asylum, they get out."

Under current protocol, migrants who clear an initial screening are often released until their cases are decided in immigration court, which can take several years.

Trump denied his focus on the caravan is intended to help Republicans in next week's midterms, saying, "This has nothing to do with elections."

The Pentagon's "Operation Faithful Patriot" was described by the commander of U.S. Northern Command as an effort to help Customs and Border Protection "harden the southern border" by stiffening defenses at and near legal entry points. Advanced helicopters will allow border protection agents to swoop down on migrants trying to cross illegally, said Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-008

Opening Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

Human Resources Manager
(Re-announcement)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or his/her designee. Supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Manages the functions of assigned unit/designated program, which includes planning, coordinating, administering, and evaluating programs, projects, processes, procedures, systems, standards, and/or services. Ensures compliance with organizational and Federal, Commonwealth, and local laws, regulations, codes, and/or standards. Serves as a liaison with internal departments, officials, agencies, partners, contractors and other external organizations, groups and representatives. Serves as a representative at a variety of meetings, public events, on committees, and/or other related events regarding services, programs, or projects. Researches, reviews, interprets, analyzes and prepares a variety of information, data, and reports; provides quality control and assurance of assigned function and services; recommends and implements policies and procedures to improve operational effectiveness and provide enhancements to services or programs. Manages assigned budget and provides input to the annual budget development process. Prepares cost estimates and budget recommendations. Monitors, administers and controls budget allocation and authorizes expenditures. Assists in planning, developing, recommending and implementing goals, objectives, policies, procedures and standards. Coordinates operational and program efforts in alignment with goals and objectives of assigned area of responsibility. Planning, overseeing and providing human resources operations, support and activities; Providing coaching and recommendations to management and staff regarding personnel needs and issues; Working with upper management and legal counsel regarding disciplinary actions; Providing guidance and support related to employment processes and programs. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Administration, SAIPAN** Northern Mariana Islands, USA
SALARY : $56,439.00 to $74,470.00 per annum (Commensurate with Qualification and Experience, Exempt)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in a directly related field and 5 years of professional experience in the assigned field including 2 years of leadership experience. Experience in a utility company a plus. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Managerial principles, practices and techniques; Principles, practices, methods and techniques of assigned operational area or function; Budgeting principles; Contract administration principles; Customer service principles; Modern office equipment; Modern office technology. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Managing, monitoring, training and evaluating staff; Prioritizing, coordinating, allocating resources and assigning work; Planning, organizing and implementing programs and services; Establishing goals, objectives and standards; Recommending, developing and implementing policies and procedures; Providing technical review, expertise and oversight related to assigned area; Monitoring and implementing quality, compliance and/or safety procedures and processes; Preparing contract documents; Providing contract administration; Researching and analyzing information; Resolving problems and conflict; Developing budget and monitoring compliance; Preparing reports, presentations and other related materials; Delivering presentations and training; Overseeing customer service delivery; Serving as a liaison and technical representative of assigned area; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-003

Opening Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018
Closing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Engineer

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Position is assigned to both routine and simple water and sewer facilities and projects. Duties and responsibilities include: Perform field measurements for distance, elevation, flows, pressures and other elements related to water and sewer system designs, including configuration of water/sewer facilities, utilizing surveying equipment and GIS system; Design size and length of water mains, capacity (pumping rate and head) of booster stations, size, slope, and distance of sewer gravity mains and force mains, size, pumping capacity, and liquid level control of Lift stations; Design drawings to portray facilities to be constructed based on completed design and specification preparation for water systems and water sources, transmission and distribution pipelines and storage tank, including wastewater systems and facilities sewer lines, sewer pumping stations and treatment plants. Writes reports for engineering feasibility analysis, evaluations, such as water and wastewater flow, well production, water loss, electrical consumption, system hydraulics. Prepare scopes of work for a variety of A&E consultant services related to existing and proposed water and sewer systems; Analysis of water system operation performance by pressure zone; Operations support such as review of operating mode and system configuration, water leaks detection, repairs and recovery of water loss. Ensure proper installation and monitoring of pilot control system using supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA); Effects repairs to multiple emergency power generators for the wastewater lift stations; Responsible for overseeing the engineering aspect of the water and wastewater system operations modifications, maintenance and repairs; and Perform other related engineering duties as assigned.

LOCATION(S) : **Water & Wastewater Engineering Division, Saipan,** Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $40,084.00 to $55,000 per annum, Exempt
(Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering and four years of related engineering experience. Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering is also acceptable if candidate has four years of experience engineering water and/or wastewater systems. **Knowledge of:** Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, pumping and hydraulics, and wastewater conveyance and treatment concepts; project management principles; construction techniques; safe work practices; applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; reading, understanding, and preparing drawings for construction contracts; preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; interpreting and preparing specifications; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to use computers and related software applications; communicate, interact with co-workers, supervisor, contractors, representatives of other agencies and departments, and the general public to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction; use AutoCAD to prepare plans for utility projects and contracts is a plus. Registration as an Engineer-In-Training in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is preferred but not required. Applicants licensed as a Professional Engineer in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is encouraged to apply. Applicants may be subject to pre-employment testing.

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Asia

Indonesia plane crash search finds remains, debris at sea

ASIA BRIEFS

Last of 21 dead recovered from east China coal mine collapse

BEIJING (AP)—Searchers have recovered the bodies of all 21 miners who died in an eastern China coal mine collapse. The official Xinhua News Agency reported the last body was pulled from the mine Monday afternoon. More than 300 people were working inside the mine when the collapse happened around 11 p.m. on Oct. 20 in Shandong province. Most were lifted to safety but 22 miners were trapped. The one trapped miner who survived was rescued the next day. The cause of the collapse is being investigated. China long had the world's deadliest coal mines, but safety has improved considerably with more modern equipment, better training and the closure of most of the smallest, most dangerous mines.

China reverses ban on trade in tiger, rhino products

BEIJING (AP)—China says it will allow trading in products made from endangered tigers and rhinos under "special circumstances," reversing a previous ban and bringing condemnation from conservation groups. A notice from the Cabinet issued Monday avoided mentioning any change in the law, saying instead that it would "control" the trade and that rhino horns and tiger bones could only be obtained from farmed animals for use in "medical research or in healing." "Under the special circumstances, regulation on the sales and use of these products will be strengthened, and any related actions will be authorized, and the trade volume will be strictly controlled," the statement said. Tiger bone and rhino horn are used in traditional Chinese medicine, despite a lack of evidence of their effectiveness in treating illness and the effect on wild populations. Chinese demand for ivory is also blamed as a driver behind the slaughter of African elephants, despite Beijing banning all trade in ivory starting from this year. The World Wildlife Fund said the move to overturn the ban would have "devastating consequences globally" by allowing poachers and smugglers to hide behind legalized trade.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Rescuers in inflatable boats retrieved human remains, pieces of aircraft and personal belongings from the Java Sea on Monday after a new-generation Boeing jet operated by an Indonesian budget airline crashed minutes after takeoff, killing all 189 people on board.

Distraught family members struggled to comprehend the sudden loss of loved ones in the crash of the 2-month-old Lion Air plane with experienced pilots in fine weather.

They gathered at crisis centers set up by the authorities at airports, hoping desperately for a miracle. But a top search official, citing the condition of the remains recovered, said no survivors are expected.

The disaster is a setback for Indonesia's airline industry, which just emerged from decadelong bans by the European Union and the U.S. over safety concerns.

President Joko Widodo ordered an investigation and urged Indonesians to "keep on praying."

The crash of the Boeing 737 Max 8 is the latest in a series of tragedies that have struck Indonesia this year, including earthquakes and a tsunami that killed several thousand people.

A Lion Air passenger jet with 189 people on board crashed into the sea just after takeoff from Jakarta, Indonesia on Oct. 29, 2018. (AP video)

An air transport official, Novie Riyanto, said the flight was cleared to return to Jakarta after the pilot made a "return to base" request two to three minutes after taking off. It plunged into the sea about 10 minutes later. Weather conditions were normal but the plane, which Lion Air received in August, had experienced an unspecified technical issue on its previous flight.

Relatives and friends wept, prayed and hugged each other as they waited at Jakarta's airport and at Pangkal Pinang's airport on Bangka island off Sumatra where the flight was headed. Some including Indonesian Finance Minister Sri Mulyani headed to the search and rescue agency's headquarters in Jakarta for information. About 20 ministry staff were on the flight.

Latief Nurbana said he and his wife Yeti Eka Sumiati stayed up late Sunday talking

Source: AP
Graphic: Tribune News Service

to their 24-year-old son Lutfi Nuramdani, squeezing every moment they could from his weekend visit to Jakarta to catch up on his life in Pangkal Pinang.

Nurbana said they talked until falling asleep and Sumiati woke up early to take their son, a post office worker, to the airport.

"Last night, we were chatting together about his wife who is now seven months' pregnant, his plans and his dreams with his own small family until we fell asleep," he said as his wife wept and clung to him.

"Now he's gone. We can't believe that he left us this way, we can't believe that his plane crashed. That's something we only see on TV news, now it happened to my son," Nurbana said. "We want to see his body, his face, his remains."

More than 300 people including soldiers, police and fishermen are involved in the grim search, retrieving aircraft debris and personal items such as a crumpled cellphone, ID cards and carry-on bags from the seas northeast of Jakarta.

Search and Rescue Agency chief Muhammad Syaugi said he's certain it won't take long to locate the hull of the aircraft and its black box due to the relatively shallow 25 to 30 meter (100 to 115 foot) depths of the waters it plunged into. Three specialized search ships, including one from Singapore, were headed to the crash location.

The jet, on a 1-hour flight, was carrying 181 passengers, including one child and two babies, and eight crew members.

Lion Air said there were two foreigners on the plane: one of the pilots, Indian national Bhavye Suneja, and an Italian citizen.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 18-075

Opening Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

CHIEF ENGINEER, P.E.
(Re-announcement)

Duties: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is a government utility providing power and water utilities to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota and wastewater utility to the island of Saipan. The incumbent of this position is under the overall supervision of the Deputy Executive Director (Water and Waste Water) or his/her designee. The duties and responsibilities are as follows: Coordinates and meets with other divisional sections and corporate divisions to coordinate activities and projects. Supervises engineering support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work, conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staffs are trained; and, making, hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs project management activities to include preparing reports, memorandums and recommendations; developing scope of work, providing technical reviews; surveying for projects, evaluating proposals, monitoring project process, approving payment, and, recommending award of projects. Prepares engineering designs, plans and specifications, collects date and performs research. Troubleshoots systems and equipment. Reviews work performed by engineers. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required by CUC and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CUC is under a Stipulated order of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case 08-0051 filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

LOCATION(S) : **Water & Wastewater, Engineering Division, SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands USA.** (Saipan has a population of about 50K. It is adjacent to Asia and about a 3-hour flight south of Tokyo. It is about 100 miles north of the US Territory of Guam)
SALARY : Starting: $100,000.00 Per Annum (Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience, Exempt). If hired from outside the Northern Mariana Islands, terms and conditions of the relocation cost will be negotiated. However, the accommodations shall not exceed $5,000 for moving to the islands and shall not exceed $5,000 for moving away from the islands.
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree in Civil, Mechanical, or Electrical engineering. Registration as a Professional Engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in either the civil, mechanical or electrical branch; Experience of ten (10) or more years as a professional engineer. **Demonstrate the following:** Proven management and communication skills; Demonstrated ability to lead, motivate, and develop staff; Competency and proficiency in overseeing major drinking water and wastewater systems during the periods of planning,, design, construction, and operation of drinking water systems' production, treatment, and distribution, and in wastewater treatment, collection and conveyance systems. **Knowledge of:** Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules and regulations; Project management principles; Mathematical concepts; Construction principles; Engineering principles and practices. **Skill in:** Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Managing multiple projects; Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules and regulations; Interpreting drawings; Preparing a variety of technical report and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a U.S. driver's license. Applicants maybe tested. Subject to a pre-employment drug screening.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-004

Opening Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018
Closing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

IT Analyst

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee, the duties and responsibilities are as follows: Maintain and administer computer networks and related computing environments including computer hardware, systems software, applications software, and all configurations. Perform data backups and disaster recovery operations. Diagnose, troubleshoot, and resolve hardware, software, or other network and system problems, and replace defective components when necessary. Plan, coordinate, and implement network security measures to protect data, software, and hardware. Configure, monitor, and maintain email applications or virus protection software. Operate master consoles to monitor the performance of computer systems and networks, and to coordinate computer network access and use. Load computer tapes and disks, and install software and printer paper or forms. Design, configure, and test computer hardware, networking software and operating system software. Monitor network performance to determine whether adjustments need to be made, and to determine where changes will need to be made in the future. Confer with network users about how to solve existing system problems. Research new technologies by attending seminars, reading trade articles, or taking classes, and implement or recommend the implementation of new technologies. Analyze equipment performance records to determine the need for repair or replacement. Implement and provide technical support for voice services and equipment, such as private branch exchange, voice mail system, and telecom system. Maintain an inventory of parts for emergency repairs. Recommend changes to improve systems and network configurations, and determine hardware or software requirements related to such changes. Gather data pertaining to customer needs, and use the information to identify, predict, interpret, and evaluate system and network requirements. Train people in computer system use. Coordinate with vendors and with company personnel to facilitate purchases. Perform routine network startup and shutdown procedures, and maintain control records. Maintain logs related to network functions, as well as maintenance and repair records. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Administration, IT Division, SAIPAN** Northern Mariana Islands, USA
SALARY : $40,084.00 - $53,000.00 per annum, Exempt (Commensurate with Qualification and Experience)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology or directly related field and 4 years of related professional information technology experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. **Knowledge of:** Applicable hardware, software, system and technology principles, methods and support techniques; Systems analysis and design methods, procedures and techniques; Business methods, principles and practices; Customer service principles; Database maintenance principles; Modern office technology.. Budgeting Principles; and Basic mathematics. **Skill in:** Providing analysis and design in support of information technology and business processes; Evaluating and maintaining existing systems and equipment; Developing and implementing technology solutions to meet business requirements; Analyzing system performance, troubleshooting issues and maintaining system functionality; Monitoring, configuring, installing, testing and maintaining assigned systems and equipment; Preparing and maintaining reports, system documentation, and procedures; Providing technical end-user support and training of software and systems; Prioritizing requests and managing time; Serving as technical liaison with internal staff and external service providers; Recommending the acquisition of software and equipment; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.. Pre-employment drug testing required. Applicants may be tested.

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World

Venice hit by high tide as Italy buffeted by winds; 6 killed

AP

A woman walks in a flooded street of Venice, Italy, Monday, Oct. 29, 2018, as, according to city officials, 70 percent of the lagoon city has been flooded by waters rising 149 centimeters (more than 58 1/2 inches) above sea level.

MILAN (AP)—Venice was inundated by an exceptional high tide Monday, putting three-quarters of the famed Italian lagoon city under water as large swathes of the rest of Italy experienced flooding and heavy winds that toppled trees and other objects, killing six people.

Tourists and residents alike donned high boots to navigate the streets of Venice after strong winds raised the water level 156 centimeters (over 5 feet) before receding. The water exceeded the raised walkways normally put out in flooded areas in Venice, forcing their removal. Transport officials closed the water bus system except to outlying islands because of the emergency.

Venice frequently floods when high winds push in water from the lagoon, but Monday's levels were exceptional. The peak level was the highest reached since December 2008, according to Venice statistics.

Venice Mayor Luigi Brugnaro said a series of underwater barriers that are being erected in the lagoon would have prevented the inundation. The project, nicknamed Moses, is long overdue, beset by cost overruns and corruption scandals.

Brugnaro said he had asked to talk with Premier Giuseppe Conte to underline the urgency of the project, which would raise barriers when the tide reaches 109 centimeters (43 inches). That happens, on average, four times a year in Venice.

Residents and businesses typically reinforce their doors with metal or wooden panels to prevent water from entering the bottom floors, but photos on social media showed shop owners using water pumps this time to try to protect their wares.

Much of Italy is under alert for flooding from heavy rains, a problem exacerbated by a lack of maintenance of the country's many river beds. High winds toppled trees that killed passers-by in four incidents in Naples, Lazio and Liguria.

Officials closed major tourist attractions in Rome, including the Colosseum and Roman Forum, early because of heavy rains.

Veneto regional governor Luca Zaia says flooding this week could reach the levels of the 1966 flood that struck both Venice and Florence. The Interior Ministry urged officials in storm-struck regions, about half of the country, to consider closing schools and offices for a second day Tuesday.

Large challenges loom for Brazil's president-elect Bolsonaro

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Brazil's President-elect Jair Bolsonaro signaled Monday his administration would make tackling the country's budget-crushing pension system a top priority, doubling down on a campaign promise that made him the choice of the business community despite frequently saying he doesn't understand the economy.

The tough-talking former army captain cruised to a 10-point victory Sunday by capitalizing on widespread frustration in Latin America's largest economy, which has fallen on hard times less than a decade after being a darling of investors among emerging markets.

Bolsonaro's victory moved Brazil, the world's fourth-largest democracy, sharply to the right after four consecutive elections in which candidates from the left-leaning Workers' Party won.

Perhaps more than belief in Bolsonaro himself, his victory represents a widespread rejection of the Workers' Party, which was at the center of a massive corruption investigation and oversaw both Brazil's boom and its bust.

Like other right-leaning leaders who have risen to power around the globe, Bolsonaro, who takes office Jan. 1, built his popularity on a mixture of often outrageous comments and hard-line positions, but he consolidated his lead by promising to enact market-friendly reforms.

In the end, many outside his base in Brazil accepted the bargain he offered: Swallow his more extreme views and his crude way of expressing them in exchange for economic policies they hoped would put Brazil on the path to recovery.

But many warned that his policies on crime, his expected reliance on military officers as advisers and his frequent disparaging of blacks, minority groups such as gays and Brazil's institutions could undermine the country's young democracy.

In a sign of the challenges ahead, the hashtag EleNaoEMeuPresidente—HeIsNotMyPresident in Portuguese—was the top trending topic on Twitter in Brazil on Monday morning.

In the face of what's expected to be stiff resistance, Bolsonaro will have to move quickly to reassure international investors that he's up to the job of righting Brazil's finances.

2nd group of migrants enters Mexico as main caravan resumes

TECUN UMAN, Guatemala (AP)—Hundreds of Central Americans following in the footsteps of a thousands-strong migrant caravan making its way toward the U.S. border crossed a river from Guatemala into Mexico on Monday, defying a heavy Federal Police presence deployed to patrol that country's southern frontier.

A low-flying police helicopter hovered overhead as the migrants waded in large groups through the Suchiate River's murky waters, apparently trying to use the downdraft from its rotors to discourage them. Guatemala's Noti7 channel reported that one man drowned and aired video of a man dragging a seemingly lifeless body from the river.

Once on the Mexican side the migrants were surrounded and escorted by dark-uniformed officers as sirens wailed. The standoff at the riverbank followed a more violent confrontation that occurred on the bridge over the river Sunday night, when migrants threw rocks and used sticks against Mexico police. One migrant died from a head wound during the clash, but the cause was unclear.

The group was much smaller than the first caravan. In the Mexican border town of Ciudad Hidalgo, they said they hoped to continue onward early Tuesday morning.

Far up the road in southern Mexico, the original caravan resumed its advance, still at least 1,000 miles or farther from their goal of reaching the United States as the Pentagon announced it would send 5,200 active-duty troops to "harden" the U.S.-Mexico border. There are already more than 2,000 National Guard troops providing assistance at the border.

The caravan currently has about 4,000 people, but has been dwindling. Earlier this year, only about 200 from a caravan of some 1,000 migrants reached the Tijuana-San Diego frontier.

The Pentagon announcement comes as President Donald Trump has been focusing on the caravan to stir up his base a week before midterm elections. On Monday he tweeted: "This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!"

Earlier in the day, members of the caravan strung out along the highway outside the city of Tapanatepec, some waiting for rides while others plodded toward their goal for the day: Niltepec, about 34 road miles (54 kilometers) to the northwest. Federal Police patrols drove slowly alongside encouraging them to stay on the shoulder.

Victor Argueta, 54, of Santa Barbara, Honduras, said he and his wife had spent two nights sleeping on the international bridge between Tecun Uman, Guatemala, and Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, before eventually crossing the river on a raft.

Focus

US election integrity depends on security-challenged firms

By FRANK BAJAK
AP CYBERSECURITY WRITER

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This July 14, 2018 photo shows computer mouse pads with Secure the Vote logo on them, displayed on a table at the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) vendor at a convention of state secretaries of state in Philadelphia.

It was the kind of security lapse that gives election officials nightmares. In 2017, a private contractor left data on Chicago's 1.8 million registered voters—including addresses, birth dates and partial Social Security numbers—publicly exposed for months on an Amazon cloud server.

Later, at a tense hearing , Chicago's Board of Elections dressed down the top three executives of Election Systems & Software, the nation's dominant supplier of election equipment and services.

The three shifted uneasily on folding chairs as board members grilled them about what went wrong. ES&S CEO Tom Burt apologized and repeatedly stressed that there was no evidence hackers downloaded the data.

The Chicago lapse provided a rare moment of public accountability for the closely held businesses that have come to serve as front-line guardians of U.S. election security.

A trio of companies—ES&S of Omaha, Nebraska; Dominion Voting Systems of Denver and Hart InterCivic of Austin, Texas—sell and service more than 90 percent of the machinery on which votes are cast and results tabulated. Experts say they have long skimped on security in favor of convenience, making it more difficult to detect intrusions such as occurred in Russia's 2016 election meddling.

The businesses also face no significant federal oversight and operate under a shroud of financial and operational secrecy despite their pivotal role underpinning American democracy.

In much of the nation, especially where tech expertise and budgets are thin, the companies effectively run elections either directly or through subcontractors.

"They cobble things together as well as they can," University of Connecticut election-technology expert Alexander Schwartzman said of the industry leaders. Building truly secure systems would likely make them unprofitable, he said.

The costs of inadequate security can be high. Left unmentioned at the Chicago hearing: The exposed data cache included roughly a dozen encrypted passwords for ES&S employee accounts . In a worst-case scenario, a sophisticated attacker could have used them to infiltrate company systems, said Chris Vickery of the security firm Upgard, which discovered the data lapse.

"This is the type of stuff that leads to a complete compromise," he said. ES&S said the passwords were only used to access the company's Amazon cloud account and that "there was no unauthorized access to any data or systems at any time." and argued that for decades the company has "been successful in protecting the voting process."

All three of the top vendors declined to discuss their finances and insist that security concerns are overblown. ES&S, for instance, said in an email that "any assertions about resistance to input on security are simply untrue"

STONEWALLING ON SECURITY

Many voting systems in use today across the more than 10,000 U.S. election jurisdictions are prone to security problems. Academic computer scientists began hacking them with ease more than a decade ago, and not much has changed.

Hackers could theoretically wreak havoc at multiple stages of the election process. They could alter or erase lists of registered voters to sow confusion, secretly introduce software to flip votes, scramble tabulation systems or knock results-reporting sites offline.

There's no evidence any of this has happened, at least not yet.

The vendors say there's no indication hackers have penetrated any of their systems. But authorities acknowledge that some election mischief or malware booby traps may have gone unnoticed.

On July 13, U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller indicted 12 Russian military intelligence operatives for, among other things, infiltrating state and local election systems. Senior U.S. intelligence officials say the Kremlin is well-positioned to rattle confidence in the integrity of elections during this year's midterms, should it choose to.

Election vendors have long resisted open-ended vulnerability testing by independent, ethical hackers—a process that aims to identify weaknesses an adversary could exploit. Such testing is now standard for the Pentagon and major banks.

While the top vendors claim to have stepped up their cybersecurity game, experts are skeptical.

In an April 2014 meeting with Colorado elections officials, ES&S objected to a new state requirement for vulnerability testing because it didn't allow for the results to be kept secret, Colorado Deputy Secretary of State Suzanne Staiert said in an interview. She said the company ultimately didn't seek certification because the system it was offering didn't meet state requirements.

ES&S did not directly respond to a query about this incident. A company spokeswoman said a review of company correspondence found no sign that it resisted the testing requirement, although it did "ask clarifying questions."

"The industry continues to stonewall the problem," said Bruce McConnell, a Department of Homeland cybersecurity czar during the Obama administration. Election-vendor executives routinely issue assurances, he said, but don't encourage outsiders to inspect their code or offer "bug bounties" to researchers to seek out flaws in their software.

Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, has long criticized what he calls the industry's "severe underinvestment in cybersecurity." At a July hearing, he accused the companies of "ducking, bobbing and weaving" on a series of basic security questions he'd asked them.

ES&S told The Associated Press that it allows independent, open-ended testing of its corporate systems as well as its products. But the company would not name the testers and declined to provide documentation of the testing or its results.

Dominion's vice president of government affairs, Kay Stimson, said her company has also had independent third parties probe its systems but would not name them or share details. Hart InterCivic, the No. 3 vendor, said it has done the same using the Canadian cybersecurity firm Bulletproof, but would not discuss the results.

ES&S hired its first chief information security officer in April. None of the big three vendors would say how many cybersecurity experts they employ. Stimson said that "employee confidentiality and security protections outweigh any potential disclosure."

SLOPPY SOFTWARE AND VULNERABILITY

Experts say they might take the industry's security assurances more seriously if not for the abundant evidence of sloppy software development, a major source of vulnerabilities.

During this year's primary elections, ES&S technology stumbled on several fronts.

In Los Angeles County, more than 118,000 names were left off printed voter rolls. A subsequent outside audit blamed sloppy system integration by an ES&S subsidiary during a database merge.

No such audit was done in Kansas' most populous county after a different sort of error in newly installed ES&S systems delayed the vote count by 13 hours as data uploading from thumb drives crawled.

University of Iowa computer scientist Douglas Jones said both incidents reveal mediocre programming and insufficient pre-election testing. And voting equipment vendors have never seemed security conscious "in any phase of their design," he said.

For instance, industry leader ES&S sells vote-tabulation systems equipped with cellular modems, a feature that experts say sophisticated hackers could exploit to tamper with vote counts. A few states ban such wireless connections; in Alabama, the state had to force ES&S to remove them from machines ordered for one of its counties earlier this year.

"It seemed like there was a lot more emphasis about how cool the machines could be than there was actual evidence that they were secure," said John Bennett, the Alabama secretary of state's deputy chief of staff.

California conducts some of the most rigorous scrutiny of voting systems in the U.S. and has repeatedly found chronic problems with the most popular voting systems. Last year, a state security contractor found multiple vulnerabilities in ES&S's Electionware system that could, for instance, allow an intruder to erase all recorded votes at the close of voting.

ES&S referred the AP to a brief California report that found "two out of the three initially identified vulnerabilities" were fixed and that a third would be handled in "future ES&S releases." The company did not say whether the third problem was ever resolved.

In 2014, the same contractor, Jacob Stauffer of the security firm Coherent Cyber, found "multiple critical vulnerabilities" in Dominion's Democracy Suite that could allow skilled hackers to compromise an election's outcome.

"These systems are Frankenstein's monster, essentially," Stauffer said.

The federal Department of Homeland Security began offering confidential vulnerability testing to vendors over the summer. But only one vendor has submitted to such testing, said an agency official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

STALLED INNOVATION

More competition might help, but industry barriers to smaller vendors are "absolutely enormous," said Larry Moore, president of upstart Clear Ballot. Its auditable voting system took two and a half years to win federal certification at a cost of $1 million.

Startups are hard-pressed to disrupt an industry whose main players rely heavily on proprietary technologies. ES&S and other vendors have jealously guarded them in court—and also unleash lawyers against election officials who purchase competitors' products.

In October, ES&S sued Cook County, Illinois, seeking to void its $30 million, 10-year contract with a competitor. It also recently threatened Louisiana and Douglas County, Kansas, with lawsuits for choosing other suppliers.

Cook County elections director Noah Praetz said litigious behavior only chills modernization. Competition and innovation are already hampered in an industry with "really low" margins, especially considering limited government funding for election equipment.

"The market isn't functioning real well," he said.

Life & Style

Awards buzz is icing for John Krasinski and 'A Quiet Place'

This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Noah Jupe, from left, Millicent Simmonds and John Krasinski in a scene from "A Quiet Place." AP

John Krasinski is still pinching himself over the critical and financial success of his experimental thriller "A Quiet Place," but the Cinderella year is not over yet. With awards season heating up, "A Quiet Place," has found its own spot in the conversation. Krasinski who co-wrote, directed and starred in the film opposite his wife, Emily Blunt, is only humbled.

"It's nothing short of overwhelming," Krasinski said by phone recently. "Emily and I really are still digesting the fact that we made this small little special movie that some people really connected to. This was literally a meditation on parenting!"

"A Quiet Place" is a mostly silent horror film about a family (Krasinski, Blunt, Noah Jupe and Millicent Simmonds) trying to live among creatures that attack and kill at the smallest sound. It became a surprise box-office phenomenon when it was released in April, grossing $338.6 million in worldwide ticket sales off a production budget of only $17 million. It is now available on home video and streaming, and a sequel is already in the works.

Critics loved its high concept thrills, too, and while many have offered their praise, a certain phone call stands out for Krasinski—the one he got from his favorite director, and friend, Paul Thomas Anderson.

"It was probably 30 minutes long about how much he loved the movie and how much it meant to him and how much he wished movies like this happened every Friday. I genuinely blacked out on that phone call," Krasinski said. "He said, 'I'll tell you the best compliment I can give you: As I was walking back to my car I thought, OK, I need to get back to work.'"

Anderson actually provided some inspiration for "A Quiet Place." Krasinski said he studied the opening of "There Will Be Blood" and other modern films that employ silence to figure out how he would approach it in his film. He also looked at "Jaws," "Rosemary's Baby" the films of Alfred Hitchcock for ideas in tension-building.

"Jaws" was one of Krasinski's biggest touchstones, and, oddly enough, the first movie he and Blunt watched together when they had just started dating.

"It's a perfect film," he said. "It's not about a shark, it's about these characters trying to overcome fears that they're running away from and at some point those fears are going to manifest themselves in the most bizarre ways."

In that same way, "A Quiet Place," to him, is about parenting. He had been sent a script to look at and had an idea to re-write and refocus around those anxieties.

"I was actually holding my three-week-old daughter. We had just had our second daughter," he said. "Reading a story about parents doing whatever it took to protect their kids was exactly what I was living through."

Krasinski wasn't even supposed to direct the film at the outset. The actor and writer, probably best known as Jim on the American version of "The Office," had previously directed two films—a David Foster Wallace adaptation ("Brief Interviews with Hideous Men") and an indie family drama ("The Hollars"). Not exactly the kind of calling cards that would prove he could handle a VFX-heavy, big studio genre film. It was Blunt who encouraged him to put his name in for it.

"She said, 'I've never seen you so lit up like this, I've never seen you so passionate about something,'" Krasinski recalled. "And it's true, she knew that it was a very personal story. I was basically writing a love letter to my kids."

And to his shock, executives at Paramount and Platinum Dunes were behind him.

Blunt also was the driving force behind her own involvement. Krasinski was too scared to even let her read the script while he was working on it, let alone ask her to be in it. She went so far as to suggest a friend for the role of Evelyn. But then on one cross country flight, she finally read it, and decided to speak up.

"She legitimately looked sick at the end of it. I thought she was plane sick, so I reached for a barf bag at the same time she said, 'You can't let anyone do this movie.' And I said, 'What?' And it was like a romantic comedy where she was proposing to me," Krasinski recalled. "She said, 'You have to let me do this part, you HAVE to let me do it.' I think I screamed 'YES' on a flight from New York to LA."

The film has been in the Oscar conversation since it came out and has continued to pop up on prognosticator lists in Hollywood trades like Variety and awards columns in Vulture and Gold Derby, with special mentions of Blunt's performance, the effects and the screenplay.

Krasinski is currently writing the sequel, which he teased only with his wife's response to his pitch.

"She said, 'Oh that's really cool, but it's not a sequel, it's like another book in the same world, it feels like another part in the same story,'" he said.

As for whether Krasinski is ready for the marathon that is awards season?

"Everything is better when Emily is there and the fact that she's in the conversation for this and for 'Mary Poppins Returns'? There's no better person to have by my side for this," he said. "I'll be just fine." ***(AP)***

'Bohemian Rhapsody' won't rock you, but Malek will

Where does a preening, pansexual rock god get his powers? The Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody" traces his sonorous majesty to an unlikely place: his back teeth.

Mercury, nee Farrokh Bulsara, was born with four extra incisors, giving him a bigger mouth. Introducing himself to his future Queen bandmates Mercury, as played by Rami Malek, explains that the added chompers have benefits beyond a provocative, pronounced overbite. It endows him with enhanced vocal range.

Teeth-assisted or not, Mercury's voice was so expansive that it prompted genuine scientific inquiry. But range is one thing sorely lacking in Bryan Singer's "Bohemian Rhapsody," a slavishly conventional rock biopic that at every turn opts for the stereotypical despite a subject who devoted himself to the unconventional. It's a remarkably bland movie about a deliciously vibrant performer.

Yet while "Bohemian Rhapsody" is so hollowly, even comically formulaic that even Dewey Cox of "Walk Hard" might snicker, it's filled, often fantastically, by Malek's sinuous, fully inhabited performance as the Queen frontman. It's as if he didn't get the note about the half-hearted filmmaking going on around him, or if he did, he's hell-bent on ignoring it.

Malek, the "Mr. Robot" actor, throws himself into every strutting second of screen time as Mercury. He lacks both Mercury's voice (it was overdubbed for singing and performance scenes) and Mercury's teeth (Malek was outfitted with fake ones). But Malek's performance, especially on stage, is so full-bodied that he transcends both his own differences with Mercury and the tepid surrounding melodrama.

This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows Gwilym Lee, from left, Rami Malek and Joe Mazzello in a scene from "Bohemian Rhapsody." AP

That "Bohemian Rhapsody" is a bit of a mess isn't altogether a surprise. Singer was fired toward the end of shooting for not showing up on set (Singer said it was to visit an ill parent) and was replaced by Dexter Fletcher. Singer remains the credited director; Fletcher is listed as a producer.

The script, too, underwent several passes before one by Anthony McCarten ("Darkest Hour, "The Theory of Everything") ultimately prevailed. The film opens moments before Queen's Live Aid performance at Wembley Stadium in 1985, and—as if by rock biopic decree—shifts back in time to young Freddie, in his mid-20s and living with his parents in the London suburbs.

Mercury was born to a Parsi family from Zanzibar (he attended boarding school in India), but we get only the slightest of hints of his family heritage or what made Mercury run from it. By the time we meet him, he hasn't yet adopted his Roman god moniker (more than a stage name, he made "Mercury" legal), but he might as well have. Young Freddie is already a larger-than-life figure clearly destined to a life of skin-tight jumpsuits and glam-rock anthems. In a flash he goes from slinging luggage on the Heathrow tarmac to convincing guitarist Brian May (Gwilym Lee) and drummer Roger Taylor (Ben Hardy) that he's their new lead singer.

Everything in "Bohemian Rhapsody" happens less with the thrust of life than the rapid-fire recounting of a biographical history, sometimes rigorously in step with Wikipedia, sometimes taking shortcuts to avoid anything that strays outside a neatly contrived narrative. In the span of minutes, Queen is a sensation with a record contract (Mike Meyers joins for a tongue-in-cheek cameo as EMI executive Ray Foster) and aspirations for much more: a world tour, a far-out concept album and beyond. Our sense is that Mercury has swiftly—and with curiously little trouble—realized his true self, in all his peacocking glory.

The conflict, hinted at in passing glances in between recording sessions, is that Mercury, who died of AIDS-related pneumonia in 1991 at 45, isn't quite so free off stage as he is on, despite all his radical flamboyance. Much time is spent with his longtime partner Mary Austin (Lucy Boyton) and, later, with a diabolical personal manager-boyfriend, Paul Prenter (Allen Leech), who gets most of the blame for anything bad Mercury ever did. ***(AP)***

Singer Candi Staton says she has breast cancer

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Candi Staton says she's been diagnosed with breast cancer.

The 78-year-old said she received the news over the summer on the first day of rehearsals for her tour. She writes in a statement, "I decided to keep it to myself and do some soul searching. I went through all of the emotions: denial, poor me and anger."

But she says that being on the road helped her.

Staton will begin 12 weeks of chemotherapy on Tuesday. She says she found a lump through self-check and she's encouraging women, "including elderly women—to get a regular mammogram."

The Grammy-nominated soul and gospel singer's Top 40 hits include "Young Hearts Run Free" and a cover of Tammy Wynette's "Stand By Your Man." Staton released the album, "Unstoppable," earlier this year.

US government broadcaster to punish workers for Soros report

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. government's international broadcasting agency says it will discipline employees responsible for a television report on philanthropist George Soros that violated its professional ethics and standards.

The U.S. Agency for Global Media says that those who produced the report would be placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into "apparent misconduct" and may face disciplinary measures, including firing depending on the results of the probe.

The report on Soros aired in May on Spanish-language Radio Television Marti network, which broadcasts to Cuba.

It described him as a "Jewish multi-millionaire" influencing nations through nongovernment groups. It quoted the conservative organization Judicial Watch as saying he was undermining democracies.

Recently, Soros has been accused without evidence by right-wing commentators and politicians of funding migrants heading to the U.S. from Central America.

Actress tells Australian court she heard Rush's career over

SYDNEY (AP)—Award-winning actress Judy Davis told a court on Monday that she had heard comments in the film industry that Oscar-winner Geoffrey Rush's career was finished after he was accused of inappropriate behavior toward a female co-star in a Sydney stage play.

Rush is suing the publisher of Sydney's The Daily Telegraph newspaper and its journalist, Jonathon Moran, in the Federal Court for defamation over articles published in November that accused the 67-year-old Australian actor of behaving inappropriately toward actress Eryn Jean Norvill during the Sydney Theatre Company's production of "King Lear" in 2015 and 2016.

Rush denies the claims against him and argues the articles portrayed him as a pervert and a sexual predator.

Davis—who has won three Emmys, two Golden Globes and has twice been nominated for Academy Awards—told the court Rush had a "very serious heavyweight reputation" as an actor before the articles.

Davis said she had loved working with Rush, who had a "very fine reputation."

Actress Robyn Nevin testified that she had appeared in the "King Lear" production and did not see anything to justify Norvill's complaint.

Nevin said a tearful Norvill had told her during another Sydney Theatre Company production in 2016 that being back at the venue reminded her of the trouble she had had during "King Lear" months earlier.

Nevin said she thought Norvill was reflecting on the "great struggles" she had playing the character of Cordelia.

Under cross examination, Nevin denied that Norvill gave any indication of inappropriate sexual behavior.

Nevin became emotional when she recalled Rush's "state of confusion" after the articles were published.

After the articles appeared, Norvill texted Nevin that she was "in the eye of the storm," according to court documents.

The trial before Judge Michael Wigney, without a jury, is to continue on Tuesday.

Rush won the best actor Oscar in 1996 for his portrayal of pianist David Helfgott in "Shine" and was nominated for roles in "Shakespeare In Love," "Quills" and "The King's Speech." He is also famed for his portrayal of Captain Barbossa in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" films.

He received his nation's highest civilian honor in 2014, the Companion of the Order of Australia for service to the arts.

McConaughey gives back to first responders in Texas visit

This Oct. 28, 2018 photo shows actor Matthew McConaughey posing with first responders in Houston as he surprised them with catered lunches. AP

HOUSTON (AP)—Firefighters, police officers and 911 operators in Texas got a surprise lunch from a famous son as Oscar-winner Matthew McConaughey showed up with roasted turkey to give thanks on National First Responders Day.

The actor's appearance and catered lunch Sunday shocked those at a Houston fire department. Later, he did the same for police officers and 911 operators at other facilities.

In an interview with The Associated Press, McConaughey said he wanted to do something in his home state, particularly for Houston. The city dealt with the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey last year. He went as part of a promotion for Wild Turkey, for which he serves as a creative director and spokesman.

"This year, I said, 'Let me get you down here to my home state,' and what's a good place to go," McConaughey said.

"Harvey just hit last August here. So much of Houston was under water. ... We're going around here today, delivering a turkey, a little bourbon and a little gratitude to the men and women who responded first when that disaster hit," he said, though technically, no alcohol was given to first responders on duty.

Speaking in Houston, Texas, actor Matthew McConaughey emphasizes the importance of voting and describes himself as "aggressively centric." (Oct. 29)

McConaughey also met with Houston's mayor, Sylvester Turner. Turner told the AP that McConaughey embodies the Texas and Houston spirit with his generosity, but also "never forgetting his roots." The actor was born in South Texas and grew up mostly in East Texas. He has a home in Austin.

It wasn't the 48-year-old actor's only civic duty of the weekend. He told the AP that he voted Saturday in Austin, braving an hour and a half wait in line at an early polling place.

"It's not one of those lines that you get moved to the front, nor should you get moved to the front. It's one of those common denominators, 'Hey we're all in the same place as Americans,'" McConaughey said.

Best friend's loyalty may be shifting in middle school drama

DEAR ABBY: I'm in middle school. "Jill" has been my best friend for 11 years. She has always been shy, while I am outgoing. Recently, she has been hanging out with the class "ho," "Kelly," and I'm being more and more left out. Kelly is turning Jill into a slut, too. Jill isn't excited to hang with me anymore and prefers to be with Kelly's friends smoking or drinking.

Jill still calls us best friends, but I'm afraid she'll betray me and tell Kelly everything we talk about. We used to make fun of Kelly for being a slut. Now I feel like I can't open up to my best friend. It hurts to see them together and not inviting me to things. What do I do?

TOTALLY LEFT OUT

DEAR LEFT OUT: Calling a girl a slut or a "ho" is a form of bullying. It won't bring Jill back to you or closer to you. In fact, it will likely do the opposite.

Because you feel you are no longer as close to Jill as you were, recognize that it's time to widen your circle of friends and explore activities that do not involve her or Kelly. The more friends you make, the less dependent you will be on one person.

DEAR ABBY: What does it say about a man when he won't accept a friend request on Facebook from his wife of 20 years? He has been unfaithful in the past. He has several hundred friends on there from all over the country as he travels a lot. But he not only refuses to accept my request, he also refuses to say why.

I'm new to Facebook; he has been on for years. I don't have many friends because I've been pretty isolated, and now I want to reconnect. But if my own husband won't accept my friend request, should I even bother trying to friend anyone else? Oh, and if I friend any of my old male friends, he'll accuse ME of cheating, even though that's his thing, not mine.

NO FOLLOWERS IN THE WEST

DEAR NO FOLLOWERS: Following your husband on Facebook is the least of your problems. You already know he is secretive and has cheated on you. If you feel isolated, you have the right to reach out to anyone your heart desires, whether they're male or female.

Oh, and one more thing. If he accuses you of cheating, it may be because he has or is. Do you really need me to tell you that if you're unhappy you need to talk with a licensed therapist about it? Please consider it.

DEAR ABBY: Is it considered rude to stretch in public?

STEPHANIE IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR STEPHANIE: I suppose it depends upon what someone is stretching. If it attracts attention or causes distraction, I suppose it is rude, but I wouldn't consider it a social transgression worthy of incarceration.

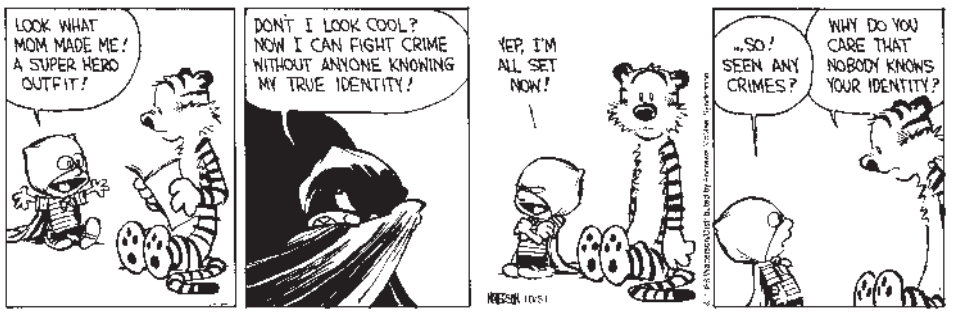
A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: If your little ones will be out trick-or-treating tonight, please be sure they are supervised to assure their safety.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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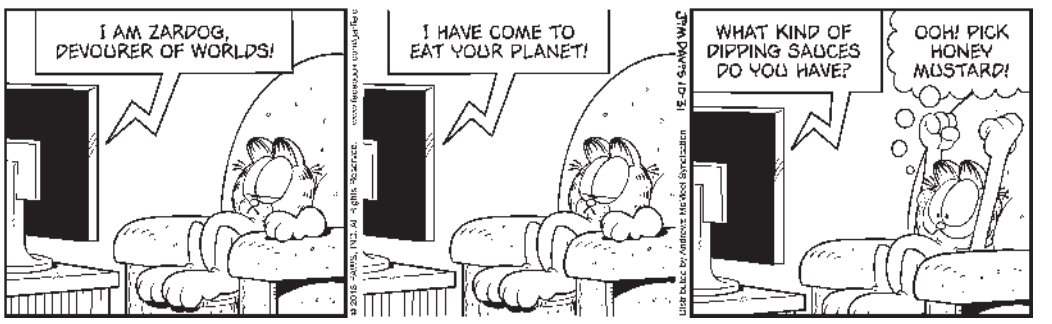
Garfield®

By Jim Davis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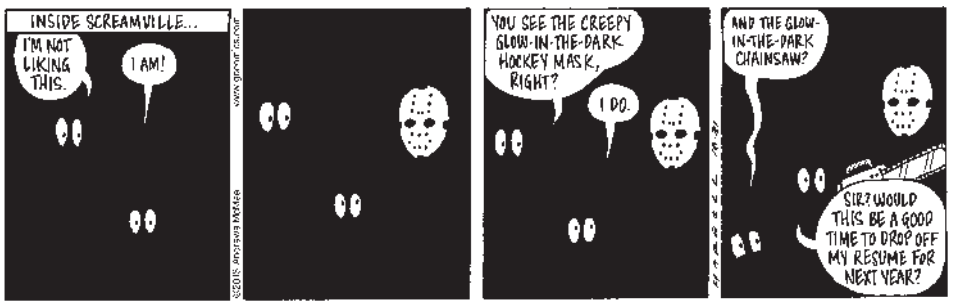
By Bryan Basset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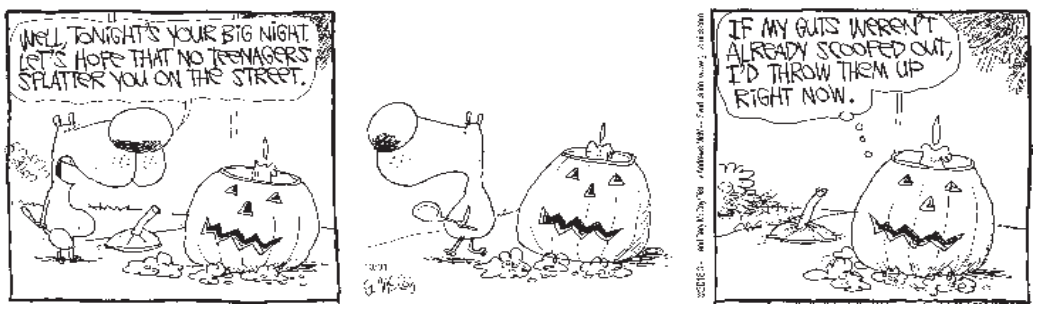
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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By Eugene Sheffer

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57 Clue
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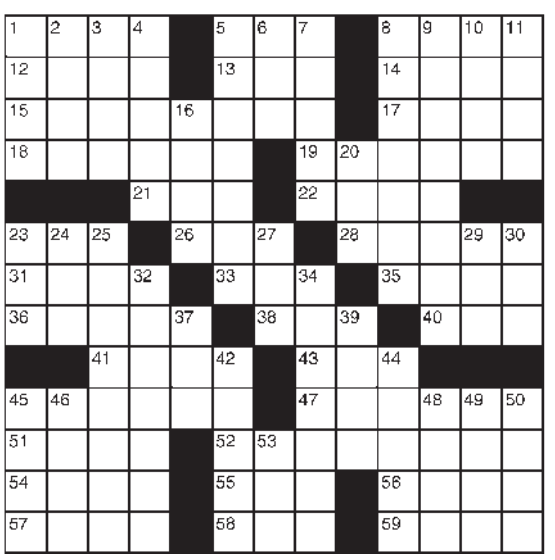

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TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Don't obsess over something. Once in a while you have to take a step back and enjoy what life has to offer. Look for the positives, not the negatives. A personal relationship should not be allowed to interfere with professional goals. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Redesign your future. Look at what it is that makes you happy and head in that direction. Personal change should bring you closer to someone you love. A serious conversation will lead to a better lifestyle. ✪✪✪

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Dodgers face winter of decisions on some big names

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having lost in the World Series for the second straight year, the Dodgers enter an offseason filled with decisions about some of the franchise's biggest names, including Clayton Kershaw, Manny Machado and manager Dave Roberts.

First up is Kershaw, who has until Wednesday to decide whether to opt out of the last two years and $65 million of his contract.

If he does, the 30-year-old pitcher who has spent his entire 11-season career in Los Angeles can become a free agent. The front office has made it clear it wants Kershaw to remain the face of the franchise.

"I just hope they do the right thing," pitcher Rich Hill said about management retaining his fellow left-hander.

Kershaw wasn't able to rewrite his postseason legacy of struggles, giving up three home runs Sunday in the Dodgers' loss to the Red Sox in the deciding Game 5 .

The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner is 9-10 with a 4.32 ERA in the postseason. In two straight World Series, he's 1-2 with an ERA of 5.40. Four of his six postseason starts in elimination games have ended in losses, including Sunday's 5-1 defeat.

"I'm proud of how he competes and he never gives up," closer Kenley Jansen said. "I know that Kersh will keep motivating himself to get back on this stage next year. That's what we're going to do. We will keep motivating ourselves to get back here again."

Machado was the Dodgers' splashy acquisition, brought in midseason from Baltimore to help them win their first World Series since 1988 after shortstop Corey Seager got hurt.

Instead, they lost the Series to Boston 4-1 and watched the visiting team celebrate a championship at Dodger Stadium again. Machado was hitless in four at-bats and struck out three times, including making the final out Sunday.

"Everybody will have their opinions on things," Machado said. "The only thing that matters is these 25 guys in here."

Seager is expected back next spring, while Machado is not. He will join Washington's Bryce Harper as the biggest names on the free-agent market.

Roberts is expected to receive a long-term contract extension, having led the team to three straight NL West titles and two World Series appearances in his short tenure.

"My plan is to manage the Dodgers," Roberts said. "Obviously, I understand my job is to ultimately lead us to a championship, and we haven't accomplished that yet."

He got booed during the Series, with fans expressing their annoyance about moves involving the bullpen and the team's ever-changing lineup that sometimes left its best home-run hitters benched.

"To say it was an unsuccessful season, I think that's doing a disservice to everyone in that clubhouse," Roberts said. "We have a lot of time to think about this one, but again, spring is going to be around the corner. I expect us to be back here next year, but celebrating on the field."

In the meantime, Jansen is preparing for heart surgery in November.

"It will be an offseason of really cleaning up my diet to accomplish what I want this offseason and recover from the surgery," he said.

Jansen was part of the bullpen that contributed to the Dodgers' losses during the World Series.

Ryan Madson, the 38-year-old right-hander brought in Aug. 31 to bolster the relief corps, inherited seven runners and allowed all of them to score.

"Our guys in the front office do a heck of a job to put us in the position to get the players," Roberts said.

For three Dodgers, the offseason won't begin for another few weeks.

Pitcher Kenta Maeda and utility players Enrique Hernandez and Chris Taylor will participate during MLB's All-Star tour of Japan from Nov. 8-15.

The Dodgers have never played in three consecutive World Series, but their passel of young stars— including Cody Bellinger, Seager, Yasiel Puig and pitchers Walker Buehler and Julio Urias— make it a strong possibility.

"Obviously, there is a lot of talent in this clubhouse and a lot of guys who want to win and are motivated to get better," retiring infielder Chase Utley said. "When you have all those combinations, you're bound to have some success."

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers' David Freese hits a triple against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the third inning in Game 5 of the World Series baseball game on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, in Los Angeles.

TDI

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of play.

Velasco failed to sustain his momentum in the second period, however his teammates stepped in and TDI still outgunned Hawaiian Rock to pad its lead to 20 at the break, 54-34. Nestor Arreza, Lorenso Sefich, and Jerome Reyes combined for 14 of TDI's 19 points in the second frame to give their team a sizeable advantage.

However, the double-digit lead was trimmed down to 6 at the end of the third canto, 69-75, as Hawaiian Rock caught TDI off guard in the penultimate frame. James Reyes fired up Hawaiian Rock's early uprising, making 14 points in the third quarter. Dondie Pulga also helped out in the assault, recording 8 of Hawaiian Rock's last 10 points, including back-to-back triples to threaten TDI.

With their twin-digit lead wiped out, Allen Reyes and Velasco steadied the ship for TDI after knocking in timely baskets that put away the fight from Hawaiian Rock in the final canto.

Velasco finished with a game-high 22 points, while Allen Reyes and Barbo contributed 19 and 18, respectively. James Reyes paced Hawaiian Rock with his 21 markers.

TDI 96 — Velasco 22, A. Reyes 19, Barbo 18, Barros 10, Sefich 8, Arreza 8, J. Reyes 7, Camacho 5, Lumayag 1.

Hawaiian Rock 89 — J. Reyes 21, Cruz 20, Camacho 13, Pulga 12, M. Reyes 11, Baurile 3, Busch 2, Alfonso 2, Janay 2, Canedo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 35-19, 54-34, 75-69, 96-89.

HELL

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Marianas Visitors Authority.

"The volunteers and government personnel needed to run the event are affected too and everyone is focus on the recovery efforts so we don't want to be a distraction. With much regret, we have no recourse but to cancel the event but we will be back for a much bigger and competitive HOM in 2019," said TRAC president Ricky Castro.

The 12th edition of the annual event was supposed to hit Saipan road on Dec. 1 with a lot of off-island bikers lined up to test the challenging course of the century race.

Defending champion Mark John Lexer Galedo of the Philippines is one of them and vows to return next year. He and biker groups from the Philippines and Guam also wished for fast recovery for Saipan and expressed their support for next year's event.

"Totally understandable. The cycling community on Guam will once again do what we can to contribute to the recovery of the CNMI," Eric Tydingco posted on Castro's Facebook account where the cancelation announcement was made.

"Will see you next year. Pangasinan Development riders will be there," Olympian Jazy Fernandez Garcia said in the same Facebook post.

Unclaimed entry fees going to Yutu victims

Meanwhile, Seman said organizers will issue refunds for those who had already registered for the race, including off-island bikers.

"We had a great lineup of off-island participants looking forward to our event. We will issue refunds to all who will make requests. Otherwise, all fee proceeds will go to assisting many of our cycling family members who have suffered losses from Super Typhoon Yutu," Seman said.

RACE

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semis game and knew he was a tough customer," Race told *Saipan Tribune*.

The NMSA Coach of the Year awardee was right, as he battled back from a 0-3 deficit to eke out a 6-4 win over Hung in the first set. In the second set, it was another tough match for Race, but he managed to pull through, 6-3, to complete his conquest of the ITF Seniors event.

"I came to this tournament thinking I could lose in the first round or win it. It was the first age group event I've ever played, so I didn't really know what to expect. When Hung went up in the first set, 3-0, I just kept my cool and tried to be more aggressive," Race said. "At 58, I was glad to be able to go the distance."

The CNMI player/coach credited his students for his title win in the ITF Seniors.

"I really owed this victory to my best students. Without them and the hours on the court I spend helping them hone their games, I wouldn't have had what it takes to win this title," Race said.

After winning the championship in his age group, the Micronesian Games multiple gold medalist stayed in Hong Kong to attend the Asian Coaches Conference, which will conclude today.

Thompson sets 3-point record, Warriors torch Bulls

CHICAGO (AP)—Klay Thompson popped to the wing off a screen from Stephen Curry, caught the pass from Kevin Durant and dribbled to his left before launching the record 3-pointer.

The ball swished through the net. He raised both arms, pumped his fist and got mobbed.

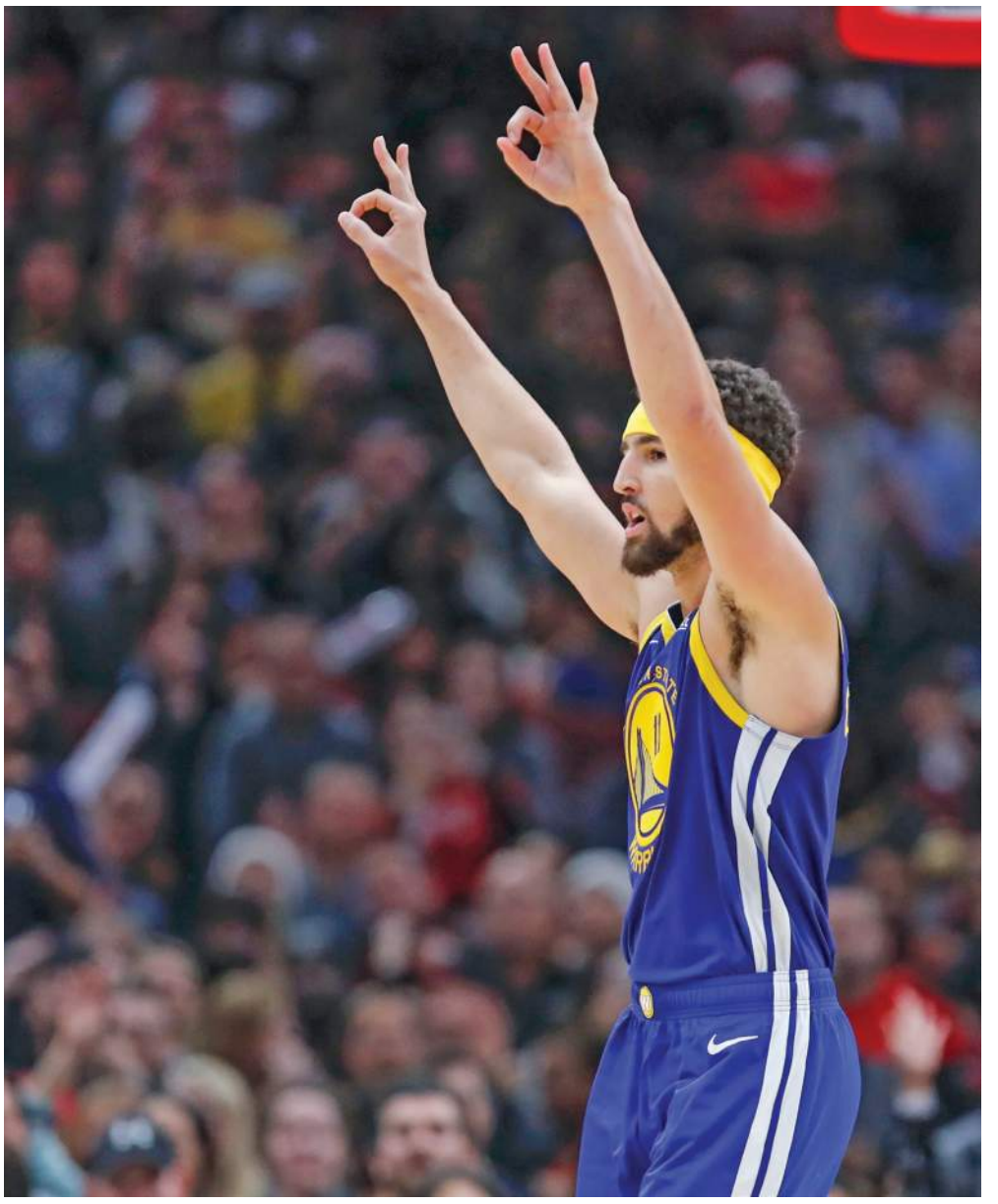
Thompson broke Curry's NBA record with 14 3-pointers and finished with 52 points to lead the Golden State Warriors to a 149-124 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Thompson set the mark when he nailed a 3 with just under five minutes remaining in the third quarter. He celebrated with teammates as they headed to the sideline for a timeout, with the Warriors leading, 113-69. Curry hit 13 3-pointers in a win over New Orleans on Nov. 7, 2016.

"That's what I do this for is those moments that you share with your teammates," Thompson said. "That's why we play basketball. It's a collective effort. And I don't know if I would be able to break these records I have gotten in my past like tonight without the system I play in or the team I play with, the guys I play with."

Thompson hadn't scored more than 19 this season and made just 5 of 36 3-pointers in the Warriors' first seven games. But he broke out in a huge way, making 14 of 24 from beyond the arc. And he did it in just 26 minutes before sitting out the fourth quarter. About the only thing that slowed down Thompson on Monday night was when he suffered a cut above his right eye that needed two stitches in the third quarter. He returned a few minutes later sporting a yellow headband.

The four-time All-Star guard hit 10 3's and scored 36 as Golden State built a 92-50 halftime lead. It was the second-highest scoring half ever by an NBA team. Phoenix had 107 in the first half of a 173-143 victory over Denver in 1990.



AP
Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson celebrates after scoring a three pointer against the Chicago Bulls during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Oct. 29, 2018, in Chicago.

Bucks 124, Raptors 109

In Milwaukee, with Giannis Antetokounmpo sidelined because of injury, Ersan Ilyasova scored a season-high 19 points to help Milwaukee beat Toronto in a showdown of the NBA's last two undefeated teams.

Milwaukee improved to 7-0 in a marquee matchup that lost some luster with Antetokounmpo in concussion protocol and Raptors star Kawhi Leonard sitting out to rest.

The Bucks' start to the season matches the 1971-72 club for best in franchise history. Milwaukee made up for Antetokounmpo's absence with another strong showing from the perimeter, with Malcolm Brogdon and Eric Bledsoe chipping in 17 points each.

Serge Ibaka scored 30 points for Toronto, which had its franchise-best 6-0 start snapped. Pascal Siakam added 22.

Timberwolves 124, Lakers 120

In Minneapolis, Jimmy Butler hit five of Minnesota's eight 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to finish with 32 points and help the Timberwolves hang on to beat LeBron James and the Lakers.

Karl-Anthony Towns pitched in with 25 points, a season-high 16 rebounds and four blocks for the Timberwolves.

James had 10 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter after missing his first five shots. He added 10 rebounds and seven assists on the 15th anniversary of his professional debut.

Brandon Ingram came back strong from his four-game suspension with 24 points for the Lakers. Kyle Kuzma, after scoring 11 points in the first five minutes, had only eight more.

Kings 123, Heat 113

In Miami, Willie Cauley-Stein scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Buddy Hield added 23 points and Sacramento ran past Miami.

De'Aaron Fox scored 20 points and Nemanja Bjelica added 19 for the Kings, who outscored Miami 77-55 in the middle two quarters and won on the Heat's home floor for the second consecutive season.

The Kings outscored Miami 68-38 in the paint, and 27-9 off turnovers.

Knicks 115, Nets 96

In New York, Tim Hardaway Jr. had 25 points and eight assists, and New York rolled to its second win of the season.

Frank Ntilikina added 16 points and Enes Kanter had 15 points and 15 rebounds off the bench for the Knicks, who had dropped five straight since beating Atlanta in their season opener.

Trail Blazers 103, Pacers 93

In Indianapolis, Zach Collins matched his career high with 17 points and C.J. McCollum also had 17 to lead Portland.

The Blazers have won three straight in the series and eight of the last nine against the Pacers.

76ers 113, Hawks 92

In Philadelphia, Ben Simmons had 21 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists and Philadelphia flashed a little of last year's playoff form in a win over Atlanta.

The oft-maligned Markelle Fultz had season-highs with seven baskets (on 16 attempts) and 16 points in 23 minutes. Joel Embiid added 10 points.

That was enough to help send Atlanta to its second straight loss. Kent Bazemore scored 18 points to lead the Hawks, who lost their second straight.

McCourty's pick-6 lifts Pats vs Bills

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)—Devin McCourty was pleased that the New England Patriots defense didn't have to play second fiddle to Tom Brady and Co. for once.

With the Patriots leaning more on Stephen Gostkowski's leg than Brady's arm against the Buffalo Bills on Monday night, McCourty stepped up and returned an interception 84 yards to secure a 25-6 victory.

"The last couple of games it was our offense scoring and us trying to keep the team out. This was a game where they were moving the ball and couldn't get into the end zone," McCourty said. "We had to make sure Buffalo didn't get in the end zone, and once it cracked, we had to take advantage of it."

The interception proved to be the turning point in what had been a tightly contested game in which New England settled for four Gostkowski field goals, and after James White scored on a 1-yard to make it 18-6 with 9:58 left.

The Bills responded with what was initially ruled a touchdown, when tight end Jason Croom appeared to make a diving, one-handed catch in the end zone. The 25-yard catch was negated when replays showed Croom never had possession.

Two plays later, McCourty jumped in front of Derek Anderson's attempt to hit tight end Charles Clay over the middle.

"Those are bonus points. It's hard to count on those," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "It was a big play for us. They were driving in the red area and it turned it around."

Buffalo lost its third straight and dropped to 2-6 for its worst start since opening the 2010 season with eight losses.

The Bills offense continued its anemic ways in being held to under 7 points for the fourth time this season— once more than that's happened from 2013-17. Buffalo has scored just two touchdowns in its past five outings, a stretch in which it has been outscored by a margin of 116-37.

Running back LeSean McCoy took the offense's struggles personally. Though he had a team-best 82 yards receiving, McCoy finished with just 13 yards rushing and has yet to score this season.

"I'm 30 years old. I've been playing since high school. This stuff has never happened to me. Yeah it's tough," he said.

Real Madrid fires coach Lopetegui after big loss to Barca

MADRID (AP)—In just months, Julen Lopetegui has lost two of the most high-profile coaching jobs in the world.

Lopetegui was finally fired by Real Madrid on Monday, less than five months after he was sacked by Spain before the World Cup for not telling federation officials he accepted the Madrid job.

The latest firing followed a meeting by the club's board of directors on Monday, a day after the team was crushed by Barcelona 5-1 at Camp Nou Stadium.

Santiago Solari, coach of Real Madrid B, will take charge for the Copa del Rey match against third-division club Melilla on Wednesday.

Spanish media speculated Solari, a former Madrid player, was in the running for the permanent job along with former Chelsea manager Antonio Conte and Belgium manager Roberto Martinez.

The firing caps a horrible few months for Lopetegui and is likely to deal a significant setback to his career. After doing well with Spain's youth teams, he had a lackluster stint with Portuguese club Porto, but gained prominence after revamping Spain and turning it into a contender entering the World Cup.

"I want to thank the club for the opportunity it gave me and the players for their effort," Lopetegui told the local news agency EFE. "I wish the team the best for the rest of the season."

Madrid said in a statement it sacked 52-year-old Lopetegui to "change the team's dynamic while all of its objectives for the season were still reachable."

The board of directors believed there was a huge difference between the quality of the squad and the results it was achieving. The board noted the team has eight players nominated for the Ballon d'Or award, something unprecedented in the club's history. They have lost five of their last seven matches.

"We know that results are important for a coach," Madrid captain Sergio Ramos said after the Barcelona match.

Lopetegui, who led the team practice on Monday morning, was hired by Madrid to replace Zinedine Zidane, who quit after leading the club to the last three Champions League titles.

Losing the clasico left Madrid ninth in the Spanish league, seven points behind leader Barcelona after 10 rounds. It hasn't won in five straight league matches, with four losses, and recently reached its worst scoring drought ever.

The club had a decent start to the season but things went sour as the squad struggled to produce goals in its first season without Cristiano Ronaldo in nearly a decade. Madrid didn't replace the superstar; its only high-profile signing was goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

In 14 matches with Lopetegui, Madrid won six, lost six, and drew two.

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Race rules ITF Seniors tourney

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CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jeff Race stunned his seeded opponents en route to clinching the singles title in the Hong Kong ITF Seniors National Tournament 2018 held last week at the Victoria Park Tennis Court.

The unranked Race defeated three seeded players in the 26-man field to win the 55-and-over singles division crown of the competition that ran from Oct. 20 to 26. His first victim (ranked player) was No. 2 Vladimir Kokorev with Race shutting down his foe in the first set, 6-0, and picking up where he left off in the second set with a 6-1 triumph to advance to the quarterfinals. Before bowing to Race, Kokorev drew a bye in the first round, while the Commonwealth player eased past Hong Kong's Chris Pit in the opener, 6-1, 6-0.

Race then made it three in a row after downing another ranked player—David Benwell of Canada. The CNMI Junior National Team coach earned his third consecutive straight set win when he eliminated the No. 6 Canadian, 6-0, 6-1. Benwell earlier topped Japan's Kazuo Kobayashi, 7-5, 6-1, to march into the quarterfinals before falling short in his semis bid when he was defeated by Race.

In the semis, Race was pitted against France's Eric Thorel, who went 3-0 before squaring off against the former. The French won over Hong Kong's Andy Lai, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, Chinese-Taipei's Feng-Tu Kang, 7-6 (2), 6-2, and China's Yu-anbo Hu, 6-0, 6-1, but had his streak snapped by Race. The many-time CNMI national team member swept Thorel in the semis, 6-2, 6-1, to set up a finals duel against No. 3 Chuen-Shu Hung, who knocked off No. 1 Tong-Yuan Yang of Chinese Taipei in the other Final Four pairing, 6-1, 6-0.

"I saw a bit of Hung's

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The CNMI's Jeff Race, left, receives his ceremonial check and trophy from one of the organizers of the Hong Kong ITF Seniors National Tournament 2018 held last week at the Victoria Park Tennis Court.

TDI notches second victory

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Top Development, Inc. earned its second win in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after prevailing against Hawaiian Rock, 96-89, last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

TDI banked on a jackrabbit start to survive Hawaiian Rock's third-quarter rally and hand the latter its third loss in as many matches.

Raymond Velasco anchored TDI's hot start, scoring 13 points in the first quarter to lift his team to a 35-19 advantage. Big man Darwin Barbo backed up Velasco, adding 8 markers, while five other TDI players also hit the board in the first 10 minutes

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Top Development, Inc.'s Raymond Velasco, center, pulls up for a shot against two TanHoldings defenders during an early game in the JP caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Hell of Marianas canceled

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Pro bikers pedal along Beach Road during last year's Hell of Marianas.

Another major sports competition on Saipan has been canceled due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

Organizers of the Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race decided to shelve this year's edition of the 100-kilometer event to give way to the recovery efforts on island.

"It's always tough to cancel such a great event. But at the end of the day, we need to focus on helping one another recover and rebuild. There will always be another race," said Vince Seman, president of Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation, which is part of the organizing committee along with the Triathlon Association of the CNMI and

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